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AMAZING SAM IS ON WAY HOME



ATTACKED: Sam Eastwell

TEENAGER Sam Eastwell is set to make an emotional homecoming.

The 17-year-old sixth-former has been making a remarkable recovery from injuries he received in Ramsgate last month and was reportedly expected home this week.

The Clarendon House student, who had been lying comatose in south-east London's King's College for weeks after the attack, will recuperate with his family.

Sam's mother, Sharon Eastwell, told the BBC: "The doctors and nursing staff at King's are amazed at how he's recovered. It has just been incredible. Sam himself says it's a miracle that he survived this."

Sam was found lying in Albion Street, Ramsgate, on Thursday, August 7.

■ BY TOM BETTS

His parents feared he would never wake up, even saying their goodbyes to him before he had surgery.

Doctors had believed he would need to stay in hospital for months.

Jane Bennett, head-teacher at Clarendon House, told Yourthanet: "We are delighted Sam seems to be making a recovery now."

"He's a thoroughly decent young man and we are all thinking about him. We really hope he'll be back with us very soon."

• Two 16-year-old boys have been charged with wounding with intent and robbery. They are next due to appear in court in October.



JUST LOOK WHAT'S CROPPED UP AT DIG

Archaeologists working to excavate the Thanet Earth site near Monkton have uncovered the bones of two people as part of their dig.

Originally believed to be a man and a woman, experts now think the skeletons are of two male Saxon warriors, from between 410 and 1066.

Canterbury Archaeological Trust will carry out forensic tests to gain more information on the origin of the figures.

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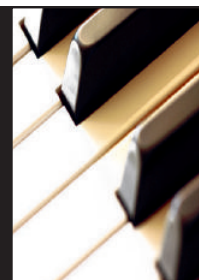


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Hefty jail term for 19-year-old drug smuggler

■ BY IAN READ

PRETTY Jasmin Bollinger thought she could earn easy money by driving her VW Golf across the Channel.

And she didn't ask too many questions about what she had to do to earn 5,000 euros.

But when Customs officers stopped her car at Ramsgate on May 3 they found cocaine valued at £786,169 (973,676 euros) sealed inside the two rear panels of the car and in one of the passenger doors.

Blonde Bollinger, 19, from Freiburg in Germany, was lured into the drugs trade by a friend of an ex-boyfriend who told her she could pay her debts by driving to England.

But her trip to this country was longer than she thought because she will be spending the next six-and-a-half years in prison after admitting drug-smuggling.

Melanie McIntosh, prosecuting at Canterbury Crown Court, said Bollinger told Customs officers she was meeting her boyfriend in the London suburb of Woolwich but didn't know his address.

She said the car had been rented from a hire company and that she had been to England three times before.

Dummy runs

The 100 per cent-pure drugs were in silver packages hidden in the panels.

When she was interviewed, she told officers she was given 1,000 euros to make two dummy runs to Britain.

She said she was contacted by a man in Freiburg who told her to go to Amsterdam.

Bollinger met the man in the Dutch city and he drove her car away. It was returned two hours later and she drove to catch the Ramsgate ferry at Ostend.

She was worried she was carry-



JAILED: Smuggler Jasmine Bollinger

ing something illegal but couldn't find it after a thorough search, so she drove on.

"When I asked what was in the car, I was told to ask no questions," she told investigators.

Bollinger said she was afraid of the men who sent her on her mission - that's why she had carried on driving.

Nicholas Jones, defending, said the drugs trade attracted young, naive people who wanted to earn easy money.

At first Bollinger thought she was taking money out of Germany.

Mr Jones said: "Like many young students, she found herself in debt. She was approached by a friend of a friend and in an act of catastrophic stupidity she agreed to smuggle drugs."

At the back of the court was her father Bernd, who listened as his daughter was sentenced.

Judge Webb said: "You are old enough to have known something about the effect drugs have in the community... I can't help having regard to the fact there are thousands of students who run up debts but who do not resort to criminal offending to pay them back."

Judge Webb said Bollinger would have to serve half her sentence in Britain and could finish her time in Germany.

Toy store brings 50 jobs to the isle

IRISH retailer Smyth's Toys is set to open a store near Westwood Cross.

When it opens, the shop will be the biggest toy outlet in Thanet and occupy one of the new units being built next to the shopping complex from November.

Smyth's will add the 21,000 sq ft store to its existing empire and could employ 50 full-time and part-time staff to run its isle operation.

Smyth's owns 26 stores in the Republic of Ireland, six in Northern Ireland and 10 in England.

Take the red bus to tower meeting

SUPPORTERS of the Crampton Tower Museum will turn up for a meeting to discuss its future in style.

They will travel to the meeting at the council offices in Cecil Square, Margate, on board a red London bus.

The meeting is at 7pm next Wednesday, and the museum's Peter Shaw is eager for those who wish to oppose any closure or funding cut to turn out.

He said: "It is important a show of support is made for the museum."

Members of the public are allowed to attend but not to speak.

Enjoy a mixture of art at display

THE Broadstairs and St Peter's Arts Group is holding its annual exhibition in Broadstairs Library next week.

The exhibition will be held from Monday, September 15, until Friday, October 10.

There will be pictures from amateur and professional artists in a variety of media. Many works will be on sale.

The show is open during library hours and admission is free.

For more information about the event, phone 01843 848016.

Businesses show off to businesses

THANET and East Kent Chamber of Commerce will hold a Business-to-Business Show at the Leas Cliff Hall in Folkestone next week.

The show will take place from 9.30am on Thursday, September 18.

Entrance is free of charge, with ample on-site parking.

It is the largest show for the east Kent coastal business community and is co-organised by the Channel Chamber of Commerce.

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MP trying to weed out bad smell on beach

Summer heat makes rotting odour worse

AN ISLE MP is so concerned with the seaweed rotting on his constituency's beaches that he is meeting members of the Environment Agency to discuss a solution to the problem.

Roger Gale, MP for Thanet North, will have a face-to-face with the EA's regional director today (Wednesday). The MP has received numerous complaints and says he wants to discuss ways to clean the beaches and to ensure they stay clean.

He said: "Thanet council has made a real effort, under very extreme conditions this year, to try to clean our beaches of the rotting and stinking weed."

"Regulation has, however, seemingly prevented them from properly and finally disposing of the weed, which has been put back into the sea only to

■ BY TOM BETTS

be washed ashore again. It's worse than trying to paint the Forth Bridge."

Mr Gale, who is a fan of Minnis Bay beach, where he spends many hours, added: "My own family likes to use the worst-affected beach, Minnis Bay, and I am acutely aware of the fact that on the relatively few days during this awful season when it might have been worth trying to picnic on the sand or to use a beach hut the stench has driven visitors away."

The weed rots on the shoreline, creating a pungent smell, especially when it is hot and the sun is out.

In the past it would be given away and used to condition the soil of local farmland, but the practice was ended last year.

A council spokeswoman said: "The council last sent seaweed to farmers for use on their fields during the 2007 summer season, although every

attempt was made to reduce the amount taken away from beaches by management on the coast."

Currently the council pushes it back out to sea, using JCB machines with specially designed forks to cope with the weed, but much of it will wash back onto the shoreline and high levels of the weed this year mean the issue became a hot topic.

Mr Gale said: "There has to be a way of allowing not only Thanet but other seaside resorts to get rid of this menace in a way that does not simply regurgitate the problem."

"Whether that means a change to national regulations or to EU directives we have to explore, but we cannot be expected to suffer another summer such as this one."

"This situation makes a complete nonsense of the Blue Flag scheme of which Thanet has been justly proud. What is the point of flying a flag of recognition over a beach that is impossible to use?"



SHORELINE: As the seaweed dries in the sun, it gives off an increasingly pungent smell

Murder probe after incident

POLICE have launched a murder investigation after an incident in Margate on Monday.

Officers were called to reports of a disturbance in Canterbury Road at about 10.45pm and found one man with fatal injuries.

The man who died was local and aged about 25.

Two local men, aged 45 and 22, have been arrested in connection with the incident and are being questioned by police.

A post-mortem examination will be carried out in the next two days.

Witnesses can phone police on 01303 289600.

Combine your own films with history

SCREENINGS of archive films and footage showing Thanet in years gone by will be held later this month.

Beeping Bush, the community digital arts group, will hold the Thanet film archive screening event at the Community Pharmacy Gallery in Margate old town, over two days, Saturday and Sunday, September 27-28, from 2pm to 8pm.

Entry is free and on Saturday, and local historian Tony Blake will give a special presentation screening at 7pm.

His feature will include footage from the 1930s, namely beach scenes at Westbrook and Minnis Bay, Bumper Boats and Richborough Air Show, as well as clips from the 1950s such as RAF Manston, Sarre farmlands and Dreamland in Margate.

Footage from the 1960s includes sheepdog trials at Monkton, sea-racing and Broadstairs street scenes. Bleak House and the promenade, the Dickens Festival, Thanet farmlands and the Ramsgate ferris wheel will also feature.

There will be short-film screenings of Kent's recent sporting

achievements and opportunities for young people with the approach of London 2012, including Kent School Games 2008, Paralympics, Cultural Olympiad and business opportunities.

The public are encouraged to bring along their old home movie films and tapes for public screening and discussion.

Event organiser Mick Etherton, from Beeping Bush, said: "Our archive films will be running continually, so come along and bring any old films that you might have stored away for an airing and we'll show them over a cup of tea. We can show any film or tape format."

Films will be shown continually from 2pm in the Grade II-listed Georgian art gallery in Margate's historic Old Town cultural quarter.

There will be a 60-seat main digital screening area and the gallery has full disabled access.

Refreshments are available all day and additional DVDs and monitors will be located in intimate areas away from the main screenings for the public to gather, review and discuss the images just seen on the big screen.

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The police officer who helped put away a rogue gang of builders



FATHER AND SON: William Smith and Billy Nelson Smith

Conmen jailed for part in fake building scams

THREE of the rogue builders were sentenced at Canterbury Crown Court on Tuesday, September 2.

The owner of Beckenham-based B Smith & Sons builders, William Smith, 41, of Greenhithe, and his son Billy Nelson Smith, 21, of Dartford, admitted conspiracy to defraud and money-laundering charges.

Timothy Killick, 36, of Maidstone, admitted the same charges.

William Smith was jailed for eight years and four months for conspiracy to defraud elderly and vulnerable people.

Billy Nelson Smith was sentenced to 12 months and 18 months for two counts of fraud to run consecutively, and two years for money-laundering to run concurrently, amounting to a sentence of two years and six months.

Killick received four years and six months for six counts of fraud and money-laundering and a two-year sentence for further offences in London, all to run concurrently, meaning he will serve a four-and-a-half-year sentence.

A co-defendant, Mark Baker, 45, of Caterham in Surrey, was found guilty of conspiracy to defraud and money-laundering by a jury in his absence.

A warrant was issued for his arrest and he is still being sought by police.

Anyone with any information is asked to phone Det Sgt Tristan Kluibenschadl on 01622 690690.

The judge postponed sentence for Mark Baker until he is brought to court.

Three other men who worked as labourers for Smith & Sons were acquitted.



ACCOMPLICES: Mark Baker (left) and Timothy Killick

The roof falls in on rogue builders

Callous gang preyed on elderly and vulnerable

■ BY TOM BETTS

A GROUP of rogue traders who conned elderly and vulnerable people out of thousands of pounds have been jailed.

Police in Thanet tracked down the gang after they called on residents across the South East, duping them into paying for work that wasn't needed.

In other cases the men would do a shoddy job and charge well over the odds.

Elderly couple Bernard and Evelyn Wackett, of Ocean Close, Birchington, were among those on the receiving end of the scam when they were told by the gang that they needed repairs to their roof.

They were told that roof tiles were loose and the chimney flashing would need serious work if £16,000 repairs were not made.

Pensioners' special

They agreed to do a "pensioners' special" price of £3,500 as the couple did not have the cash, but the Wacketts were concerned about the offer and told their grandson, who called police.

Ring-leader William Smith, his son Billy Smith and the rest of their group were subsequently arrested.

A surveyor then checked out the roof and assessed the repairs at about £50-£100 plus VAT. He suggested that the flashing may even have been lifted deliberately.

John Milford, from Northumberland



CONNED: Evelyn and Bernard Wackett were duped out of £16,000 for repairs that should have cost about £100

Avenue in Cliftonville, was one man from the isle who was duped.

Mr Milford, who lives with his mother and has learning difficulties, received a visit from the gang in February 2006.

He was told that he had some loose leading on his extension and work was needed – otherwise he would get water in the house electrics and a health inspector could condemn the home.

In reality, the gang had hammered wooden batons to the roof, the nails damaging the felt and the wood restricting drainage.

Taking advantage of Mr Milford's trusting nature, they told him that he had a raft of problems.

They slung maggots down to create the illusion of a woodworm infestation, said there were rats in the loft and even dead fish in the chimney, all the time bumping up the bills with tales of special bricks having to come from China and other materials from far-flung corners of the UK.

The Milfords ended up paying the group £90,000.

However, the game was up when staff at a local bank questioned the large withdrawals being made and contacted police.

Thanet council surveyor Paul Morgan looked at the property after the investigation was under way.

He found none of the work was required and that what had been done was woefully poor.

At the trial, Mr Milford said: "I didn't want any trouble. I wanted to keep the peace. And these things they were saying preyed on my mind."

"I would say that 99 per cent of workers are OK, but it is that one out of 100 that you have to be careful of."

"I do not want anyone else to go through this."

Group 'exploited people to part with life savings'

THE court heard that the gang defrauded 43 elderly and vulnerable homeowners across the region out of more than £880,000.

However, during the investigation into their activities, at least 30 more residents were identified through banking records.

They were either too frail, too embarrassed or too fearful to want to be in court.

Rather than repairing properties, on occasions the group rendered them dangerous to secure themselves guaranteed

jobs, charging thousands of pounds for work that was unnecessary, substandard or never completed.

The group even continued their shoddy work while on bail, branching out into gardening to increase their income, singling out the vulnerable and elderly.

The case spanned activities from January 2003 to September 2007.

The gang travelled across Kent, Surrey and south-east London, building crime benefits

of £2.4 million. Reparations are now being made for a Proceeds of Crime Act hearing in December with a view to recover the money for the victims.

Investigating officer Det Sgt Tristan Kluibenschadl said: "The group exploited people in the most shocking way, using scare tactics to ensure they parted with their life savings in many cases."

"Anyone tricked by this group should not feel foolish or embarrassed. They were organised and cunning men who,

without any due respect for those people who had the misfortune to have been paid a visit by them, built up a weighty fortune through their trickery and lies, with the audacity to continue their activities even after arrest."

"It is satisfying to have brought this case to court when criminals of this nature often elude capture."

"The advice is to not use builders who cold-call. Use reputable firms with a proven track record."

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Dig aims to unearth our Roman coastline

TEAMS leading a dig at Richborough Roman fort are looking to uncover the isle's Roman coastline.

The fort sat at the main port of entry to Britain 2,000 years ago, but the passing of time means it is now two miles from the sea.

However, previously untouched land is being excavated, with those carrying out the work hoping to discover more about the south of the isle's past.

Archaeologist Tony Wilmott said: "We are keeping our fingers crossed that we will uncover some exciting new discoveries - who knows, perhaps even a ship - and that the dig will help us to widen our knowledge about the port and harbour area of the site."

"We are working around the fallen east wall, which collapsed at the foot of the hill next to the Deal to Margate railway. There are walls down there which look to have been standing

■ BY TOM BETTS

when the fort wall collapsed, which may well be upstanding to the harbour installations.

"It's basically where the coast was in Roman times. It was the official gateway to Britain in the Roman period."

In AD43 the site overlooked a sheltered lagoon where it is possible invading Roman forces first landed.

English Heritage believes that the original Roman coastline - which has never been found - can offer up secrets of the once-bustling port that was the main gateway to Roman Britain.

The dig, which began only recently, is taking place over the next few weeks.

It will focus on an area of the fort's collapsed east wall which has never been suitable for geophysics due to its close proximity to the railway line.

Mr Wilmott said: "As for the rest of the dig, we simply don't know what we will find. It's very early days, but we are here for five weeks until October 5, so we are very hopeful."

Team members will also take time out from their work to lead two tours around the site, taking in the town and the amphitheatre as well as the new excavations and any finds they have revealed in the process.

The 90-minute tours take place at 2pm on Saturday and Sunday, September 20-21.

Cost is £2.50 per person in addition to normal admission.

Numbers are limited to 30 on each tour, so you can pre-book by phoning 01304 612013 to secure a place.

The fort is open daily from 10am to 6pm until September 30. Admission is £4.20 for adults, £3.40 for concessions, £2.10 for children and £10.50 for a family ticket.

Entry is free for English Heritage members.

Man is charged with assault on teenager

A BROADSTAIRS man is to appear before magistrates charged with the common assault of a 16-year-old.

Patrick Dyett, 25, of Oaklands Avenue, will be at Thanet court in Margate on Monday, September 22.

He is charged with assaulting the teenager at St Luke's football ground in Hereson Road, Ramsgate, on the morning of Sunday, August 31.

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GETTING STUCK IN: Tony Wilmott is hoping for some exciting new discoveries - 'who knows, perhaps even a ship'

Cash grant secures print jobs

PRINTING company Thanet Press has been awarded a substantial grant from the South East England Development Agency.

Funds totalling £236,550 will enable it to build a controlled environment in which to produce instruction leaflets for the pharmaceutical industry.

The firm's clients include Procter & Gamble, Estee Lauder and a range of universities and councils.

The money was awarded under the Selected Finance for Investment in England grant scheme, and will enable the firm to safeguard 86 jobs and create nine others.

A specialist machine to print and fold pharmacy leaflets has also been bought, and a part of its Margate-based site has been refitted to allow for pharmaceutical packaging.

Promotion agency Locate in Kent advised Thanet Press in its application for the grant. Thanet Press's Ken Lindsay said: "Thanet Press can now realise its full potential."

"This project allows us to expand into new markets and provide an environment which meets the ISO regulations. Locate in Kent has been invaluable in its support and help in securing the grant from SEEDA and its knowledge has been a real asset."

Peter Symons at Locate in Kent said: "The grant awarded to Thanet Press demonstrates how important financial assistance can be for the expansion of a company."

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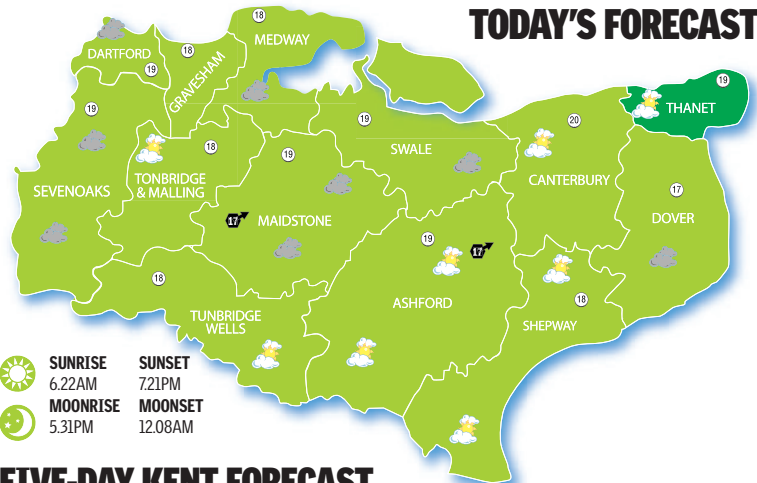


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Ramsgate	Saturday	9:48am	4.0m
	Sunday	10:36am	4.4m
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Council team on CASE to help community groups

VOLUNTEERS and community groups can now get professional advice on running their organisations.

For two years until March 2010, Thanet council's Safer Stronger Communities Fund is funding two advisors from CASE Kent (Community Action South East Kent) to support local charities, groups and clubs through one-to-one advice, workshops and training courses.

The aim is to help them become stronger and more able to deliver the activities they want.

This will include writing grant applications, running AGMs and meetings, having appropriate procedures and policies in place and meeting legal requirements.

The two advisers are Andy Ball and Kate Robson. SSCF is also funding a part-time officer at CASE Kent to investigate the long-term sustainability of the service once the SSCF funding ends.

One-to-one

Weekly drop-in advice sessions are held at St Paul's Community Centre in St Paul's Road, Cliftonville, on Thursdays between 2pm and 5pm, or you can arrange a one-to-one meeting.

They are at Foresters Hall, Meeting Street, Ramsgate, (phone 01843 588780, email thanet@casekent.org.uk).

As the Safer Stronger Communities Fund is focused on the two wards of Margate Central and Cliftonville West, the priority is groups that have members from these wards or those that deliver a service to residents.

CASE Kent also provides support to voluntary and community groups across Thanet through Lin Dykes, an adviser funded by Thanet council, the county council and Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust.

Jules Ellis, project co-ordinator for the Windmill Community Allotment project, said: "Kate has helped us identify areas to work on to improve our structure and workings. It has been a really good experience and I would recommend it to others."

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Q Who or what brings you to Thanet?

A I came here in 2003 with my family from north-west London. It was a big move – I never thought I'd leave London – but we made the decision within the space of three months. My ex-husband was brought up in Thanet, and every so often he suggested I consider a move. On one of those days, it struck a chord. He was convinced the sea air, skies, light, the pace would all be better for our spirits. Hard as it is to say, he was right. After bland suburbia, congestion and rats, the whole family loves being beside the seaside.

Q Is it stressful being an editor?

A Every job is stressful, particularly when the responsibility for the way the final product appears is down to you. But I love every minute of it. I work with a group of enthusiastic and committed contributors. I get to write, which I really enjoy, and, to top it all, I've learnt a lot about my new home.

Q What are the best and worst things about the job?

A The best things are that I come into contact with people I might not meet, discover things I might not do, and people are very nice to me. A lot of the time it is solitary and I'm at my computer researching, writing and communicating, so when I get the chance to go and visit a place, or interview a person, or try a

new restaurant, it's great. The worst things? I can't think of any right now.

Q Do you ever get fed up writing about the same area?

A When we first started the magazine three years ago, there was a part of me that worried about having enough material to produce a 100-page magazine every quarter. We are now on our 13th issue and the ideas have not dried up. There are so many interesting people, talents and entrepreneurs daring enough to create interesting businesses here. So, no, I haven't got fed up yet...

Q Where in Thanet do you spend most of your time?

A I spend most of my time in Broadstairs, so other than in my office at home, in my garden, where I watch as the weeds take over, or at the gym, where I fight a losing battle, I might be having a drink at Peen's or eating at one of the restaurants in any of our towns. I would like to spend more time walking on the beach, though, or even inland. I have yet to convince my two boys of the joys of walking!

Q If you had one wish for Thanet, what would it be?

A Although Thanet is a great place to be, there are many things that could be done to improve it, in terms of improving the town centres, creating more job opportunities, restoring some of our fabulous architecture,

increasing tourism. But my one big wish would be for the people of Thanet to believe in it. Seaside towns all over the country have been through a rough patch, but I think times are changing, efforts are being made to improve the area, and people need to be more positive about what we have here.

Q Where do you see yourself in five years' time?

A I imagine I'll still be here in Thanet, maybe in a house overlooking the sea. I may have written a book or learnt to sail. And there may be enough happening to make Isle a monthly listings magazine. What I know for certain is that five years will go just like that.

Q Who is your inspiration?

A There are several people who have inspired me in different ways. I come from a culture that is very hospitable and friendly, and that has influenced the way I am. My determination comes from my mother, and my optimistic nature has in many ways been inspired by my ex-husband and good friend.

Q What one object would you rescue if your house were on fire?

A Assuming my children are safe, I guess my computer, which has family photographs and all my writing on it. And I'd probably make a dash for my sports bra so I could escape with dignity.

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The editor of Isle magazine tells **Tom Betts** about the joys of discovering Thanet's fascinating people, writing about a naturally beautiful area and her hopes for a not-so-distant future overlooking the sea

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We're totally up for it, say McFly

EXCLUSIVE

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

POP group McFly agreed to headline a charity concert for wounded soldiers in Kent next weekend to show their support for the bravery of our troops.

The four-piece band – singer Tom Fletcher, guitarist Danny Jones, bassist Dougie Poynter and drummer Harry Judd – say they deeply admire the bravery and sacrifice of our men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The band, who have had seven number one singles and two number one albums, said the Day For Heroes event in front of an expected 35,000 fans at the County Showground, Detling, is the perfect way to show their appreciation.

Dougie said: "We're looking forward to it. Anything like that we're totally up for – we never let anything like that down. You're talking to the world's biggest wimps, so what the soldiers are doing over there is absolutely amazing."

The band tops a bill including Nik Kershaw, the Counterfeit Stones, Ultimate Earth, Wind and Fire and Bob Marley tribute act Legend.

Dougie said he was a big fan of anything to do with the reggae master.

He said: "I was listening to Bob Marley yesterday actually. He was amazing and I'll definitely look forward to checking that out."

There will also be an appearance by Jeff Silbar, co-writer of the ballad Wind Beneath My Wings. He will perform the song with soul diva Jocelyn Brown.

Its chorus of "Did you ever know you're my hero?" has become an anthem for the charity.



ON THE MARCH: McFly – 'the world's biggest wimps' – jumped at the chance to headline the County Showground gig

Also confirmed to appear are the Minden Band, a 30-piece military band, a nine-piece pop band and an 18-piece swing band.

After McFly's headline appearance in Maidstone the band will prepare for a UK tour, starting in Sheffield on November 7 and ending in Liverpool on November 29.

Dougie said: "We're up and down the country on tour doing God knows what, so good times."

"I pack a massive suitcase because I get through so many clothes. Then once it's over I'm going to have a massive dinner, sleep for a week and search for the sun in Australia or somewhere."

The Detling concert on Sunday, September 21, will run from noon until 10pm and be com-

pered by Maidstone-born actor Shaun Williamson and TV presenter Cheryl Baker, who is from Sevenoaks. It has been organised by Help For Heroes, a charity which supports wounded servicemen and women.

Advance tickets cost £25 for adults, £14 for children aged six to 12, and £5 for the under-fives. A family ticket for two adults and two children will only be available by advance booking for £70.

Tickets on the gates will be £30 for adults, £18 for children aged six to 12 and £5 for under-fives. There will be food stalls and a picnic area in the grounds.

For more details on the event and to buy advance tickets, visit www.daysforheroes.com.



NIK KERSHAW: 'This is about people, not politics'

Wouldn't it be good to hear Nik's tunes?

EIGHTIES chart-topper Nik Kershaw will be adding a touch of nostalgia to the Day For Heroes event.

He became a huge star in the early 1980s with hits such as I Won't Let The Sun Go Down On Me and Wouldn't It Be Good.

He also wrote Chesney Hawkes' 1991 smash hit The One and Only, which became one of the most successful singles of the decade.

Kershaw, 50, is keen to support the event, which is raising funds for charity Help For Heroes. Launched last year, it provides support for wounded servicemen and women.

"Regardless of opinions, they [the armed forces] are out there," he said.

"It's not about politics, it's about people. They're over there fighting on my behalf and it's the least I can do."

He has continued to work as a songwriter and recording artist, but will be reviving his hits to get the crowds dancing on Sunday, September 21, at the County Showground, Detling.

The industry has changed a great deal in the last 20 years, but Kershaw does not fear for the future of music.

"I think it's facing its biggest challenge, but only to the commercial side of making music," he said. "Music will always be made because people have it in them."

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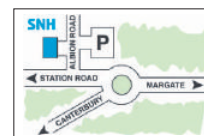


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CHALLENGE: Val Walton will run the Shepway group

Partnership to nurture children's life chances

■ BY NICK AMES

CHILDREN'S services across the county have entered into new partnerships in a bid to work more closely together.

Now a total of 23 new local children's services partnerships will combine representatives from Kent County Council services, schools, social care, district councils, health and the police, as well as other voluntary services and agencies who work with children.

The move is part of a national programme of reform to improve the health, safety and learning of all children and young people.

It will be overseen by the Kent Children's Trust.

KCC's managing director of children, families and education, Graham Badman, chairs

the trust and the Bishop of Dover, the Rt Rev Dr Stephen Venner, is deputy chairman.

Mr Badman said: "The new partnerships will not only make a difference to the way services for children work together in Kent but most importantly for children and young people themselves.

"They will strengthen the networks between agencies to help ensure each individual child receives the care and attention they need.

"The most vulnerable children in our society must be given the highest priority and these new arrangements will help to do this."

The local partnerships will be led by a local children's services partnership manager.



Val Walton and Stephen Smith are set to run the Shepway group. Their first responsibility will be to develop a local children and young people's plan based on local needs.

Ms Walton said: "I am looking forward to developing even further our work with other agencies supporting children, young people and their families.

"We have identified seven priorities to be working on that have been identified with the help of children and parents themselves.

"The new partnerships present an exciting challenge to us all in the coming months."

KCC cabinet member for children, families and education standards, Cllr Leyland Ridings, said: "This is a hugely significant moment in the development of our children's trust arrangements and our ambition to improve the wellbeing and life chances for Kent children and young people. I know the partnerships will have a successful future."

Our cops hop across the Channel

POLICE officers from Kent have crossed the English Channel as part of a major crackdown on speeding British tourists and business travellers on French roads.

Three officers took a trip to the Continent to work with the Gendarmerie Nationale in a road safety exercise aimed at preventing accidents involving British motorists.

Two traffic officers and a linguist took part in the exchange which came about because of concerns voiced by the Prefect of the Pas de Calais about the high number of speeding British motorists in northern France.

Based mostly at motorway tolls and service areas south of Calais, the gendarmes focused on GB motorists as they checked vehicle condition, examined driving documents and looked for safety devices carried in cars which include high-visibility vests

and a warning triangle – mandatory on French roads. About 200 vests were given out to motorists who were unaware of this aspect of French highway law.

Chief Inspector Roscoe Walford said: "We worked alongside the gendarmerie to give and receive road safety advice, learn good practice, help with language difficulties, promote our Travelling Abroad web page and observe French procedures.

"We can always learn something from our colleagues across local, regional and national borders and they can learn from us.

"We work closely with our French colleagues in relation to serious and organised crime and this cross-border road safety operation is a natural next step in that process."

Kent Police will host officers from the Gendarmerie Nationale in a similar operation

later this month.

Deputy head of the gendarmerie traffic department for the Pas de Calais, Lt Patrick Vanderstraeten, said: "Many citizens of EU countries use our roads either to travel to a holiday or business destination within France or are en route to another country.

"It is only right that drivers in a foreign country should take responsibility for their safety by obeying the rules of the road.

"Failure to keep to the speed limit has led to four deaths and 13 injuries on the motorways of the Nord Pas de Calais this year. Half of the speeding offences detected at more than 200kph (125mph) in this area have been committed by British drivers."

"The fact that you may be travelling in a foreign country should not cause you to be careless with your life."

Airing your views on travellers' sites

RESIDENTS are being urged to give their views on plans for new camping sites for gypsies and other travellers.

The South East England Regional Assembly has launched a public consultation on its 10-year target for areas which would be available to travellers as campsites.

It wants views on how spaces should be sited across the South East, including Kent.

More than 1,200 new spaces are planned for the region, which reaches as far as Buckinghamshire.

Assembly member Cllr Moira Gibson said: "After years of uncertainty over making space for gypsies and travellers, councils now have a duty to provide new spaces in a bid to cut homelessness and reduce illegal camping.

"We want to hear everyone's opinion on the new plans."

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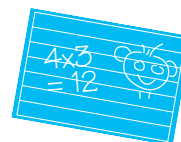
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Linda Kiddell, a lead technician in creative media, was awarded a foundation degree in technical and creative practice from the University College for the Creative Arts at Rochester.

Backed by the academy, she studied one day a week for three years at Rochester and worked the rest in her own time.

Ms Kiddell said: "The course is designed for people who want to become a technician in an art environment or work in occupational health or to go on to teach. This shows you are never too old to learn." Ms Kiddell, who

also teaches food technology, will go back to Rochester on day release for two years to get her degree topped up to a BA.

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THE Caterpillars baby unit at Butterflies Nursery has marked its second anniversary.

And this month the nursery, in Church Road, Broadstairs, is offering a full discount for children attending five days a week.

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BREAK TIME

Runners in race against time to save cathedral

■ BY TOM BETTS

THE efforts of schoolchildren from Broadstairs will be woven into the fabric of Canterbury Cathedral when it is repaired.

Some 160 youngsters from year eight at St George's Church of England School gave up their lunch break to hold a sponsored run to raise money for the cathedral's restoration appeal.

Their efforts generated £233, which is enough to buy four large stones which will be placed in the cathedral's Corona Tower when work gets under way.

RE teacher Lisa Pownall said: "The boys and girls wanted to help with the cathedral appeal but were unable to take part in the big fund-raising run at Hyde Park in London, so we held our own."

"Everyone raised what they could and it was a fabulous effort to help with a crucial project for a magnificent and important historic and religious building."

Richard Linning, from the Save Canterbury Cathedral Appeal, received the donation from the school and presented Miss Pownall and year eight representatives Courtney Jones and Harrison Hide with a certificate marking their sponsorship of stones in the restoration.



CERTIFICATE: Courtney Jones and Harrison Hide with Richard Linning and Lisa Pownall in front of a mural of the cathedral in the foyer at St George's

Mr Linning said: "These young people have done extremely well and I thank them for their efforts, particularly giving up a lunch break to run around the field for us."

"Every little helps in the rebuilding programme and the stones bought by St George's School's runners will eventually become part of the cathedral, and therefore part of its history for ever."

The appeal was launched in 2006 to raise £50 million. Extensive and costly work is needed to repair the cathedral's stonemasonry, stained glass and lead roof.

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The Manchester mud is a long way from Copacabana beach

WITH the Premiership about to resume after the annoying inconvenience of a couple of England fixtures, there's one game that really catches the eye this weekend – Manchester City v Chelsea.

I don't suppose too many people at the start of the season would have thought anything involving the less famous team from the city that gave us Boddington's would be of any real interest.

But Citteah (as they are known to true fans) have gone and got themselves bought by a sheik who makes Roman Abramovich look like a bit of a skint.

So, the newly nouveau rich will take on the slightly older new money in a battle of the bank balances at Eastlands.

City struck the first blow in the cash war when they nabbed long-term Chelsea target Robinho from Real Madrid.

The Sky Blues are being compared to Chelsea in the days following Abramovich's

arrival. But I think the parallels between the clubs can be best illustrated if you look at Chelsea in the summer of 1995.

At that time – resplendent in an "amber and graphite" (orange and grey) away strip – they hadn't won anything of note since 1971 but managed, through the contacts of then manager Glenn Hoddle, to land dreadlocked Dutch superstar Ruud Gullit, a one-time world player of the year.

He looked a little out of place in a team boasting players such as David Lee, Terry Phelan, Scott Minto, Paul Furlong and Mark Stein. And he seemed frankly bewildered when partnering Eddie Newton in midfield or playing as a sweeper behind Frank 'What's he doing?' Sinclair.

A little bit of class was added that summer when Mark Hughes – coincidentally now City manager – joined.

But for the most part the Dutch maestro found himself – from his debut in a friendly at Gillingham through to an FA Cup semi-final defeat by Manchester United – trying to come to terms with the shortcomings of a journey-

man outfit. City have some class players – former Chelsea man Shaun Wright-Phillips and Brazilian Jo – so Robinho won't have to do it all himself. But he is going to a club which has won nothing for years and struggled through the first round of the UEFA Cup.

He will certainly notice the difference between Manchester and Madrid. So the question for people who follow the game has to be: what happens next?

If Robinho succeeds, others will follow – just as the likes of Vialli, Zola and de Matteo were attracted to Chelsea by Gullit.

But what if it all implodes? After all, who was the last South American to really make an impact in English football?

Roque Santa Cruz has done well, Gus Poyet was consistent, Tino Asprilla was good for about five minutes, but Ricky Villa and Ossie Ardiles were the last people from that part of the world to be really big players in our game.

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YOUR LETTERS

Who can we turn to for help, councillor?

It was disheartening to read Thanet council's planning committee had passed plans for a high, upright solar panel on the roof of the building being built at 32 Berkeley Road, Birchington.

Also that it had also given retrospective permission for the plain glass which had been installed (Yourthanet, August 29).

I would like to bring to readers' attention the reply I received from Birchington North councillor Roger Latchford in response to my request for him to help his constituents.

These constituents are neighbours of 32 Berkeley Road, which towers over their bungalows and is supposed to blend in with them but is affecting their daily lives and the value of their homes.

The first request was: "Can you assure me you will speak out against retrospective planning permission for plain glass instead of opaque/frosted glass and demand the clear glass is replaced immediately?"

The second was: "Can you assure me you will vigorously oppose the erection of triangular-shaped solar panels and any other additions to this building, like satellite dishes or a disproportionately-sized TV mast which would increase the height of this building?"

I told him I was shocked and horrified Thanet council granted permission and allowed the construction of this building in its present size and dimensions.

Cllr Latchford's reply was: "I have checked with the planning department and am told the amendment is being considered on August 20.

"Because the democratic process is already being implemented, I do

not believe it is either necessary or appropriate for me to speak on this application.

"You probably know that planning is not a political subject and therefore members of both parties and independent members are generally inclined to call planning applications to committee to make sure residents have their say. I am pleased to confirm that this is happening in respect of this application."

Sorry, Cllr Latchford, I believe that you were not willing to help the people who elected you.

Even when a lady requested help from our MP, Roger Gale, he said he was unable to help in this case and referred your name for assistance.

She tells me that, when she managed to speak to you on the phone, you told her you were too busy to talk.

This objector was one of the many who have time after time spoken against the building from the first application – and their requests were ignored again and again.

On one occasion, all the planning committee was concerned about was not the overall height and dimensions of this immense building, but how high the dividing wall was going to be.

Did you honestly believe they would take notice of any objector after ignoring all the previous – and more serious – issues?

You went on to say that planning is not a political issue.

Really? The Conservative group has the majority on the planning committee and always has the controlling vote.

Also bear in mind, Cllr Latchford, the building is being built by your fellow ward councillor, Simon Day.

Birchington Parish Council also submitted its own official objection, which the planning committee ignored. So much for democracy.

We will also be asking for the help of Labour, Independent and any sympathetic Conservative councillors to voice their concerns



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at the full council meeting and hope this decision will be overturned.

Otherwise, I believe the public will form the opinion that it will be all right for them to also ignore planning rules and regulations.

Permission for this building in its present position and size should never been given and was contrary to the planning inspector's statement.

Bill Furness
Birchington

Ashamed to live in a thief's paradise

In July, my wallet was stolen and the credit card spent to the limit.

My whole life was in that wallet, including pictures of my eldest child, who is now four, from when she was just six months old.

I went to the bank and police and did all the things you do when this kind of thing happens.

There was a stroke of luck when I managed to find out where the card had been used.

I contacted the shop staff, who agreed to let me view the CCTV footage. They also agreed to hand over the footage so the person responsible would be dealt with.

They were willing to give me the footage, but I insisted on the police collecting it.

Unfortunately, since then, the shop has been less than helpful. The police have visited on eight occasions and staff are still coming up with excuses as to why they cannot hand it over.

I have contacted solicitors, but to no avail, so the footage will be wiped.

Has Thanet really come to this, where someone can do something so awful and get away with it?

I call on anyone who can help, as time is running short. If nothing happens, the thief will think they have got away with it. Who is to say they won't try it again?

If this thief is not brought to justice, I will feel I have been let down on all sides. People talk about communities coming together, but I am ashamed to live in a place where things like this happen.

Anon
Ramsgate

More questions than answers

It's good to read that common sense has prevailed and the planning application for China Gateway will

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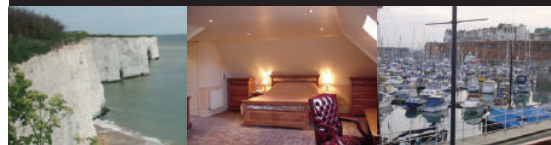
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be debated by the full council in October. This change of date will give all parties time to consider the implications of this massive development and perhaps ask why the developer hasn't submitted its plans for all three phases.

Phase 1 is apparently a standalone one, but it is clear from everything I've read that the developer will insist this single phase cannot be developed without the other two.

If that is the case, why not submit the whole development plan and let the council consider it fully?

Is it perhaps a case of as soon as permission is given for the first phase, the plans for the remaining phases will land with indecent haste on the planning officer's desk?

It has been clear from speaking to many of those who will be directly affected that the limited consultation that took place has left more questions than answers.

There are four main areas of concern:

1. The risk to the water supply should the developer not install mains drainage.
2. The traffic threat from the huge increase in HGV traffic to and from the site on already crowded roads.
3. The loss of prime agricultural land at a time of food shortages.
4. The size, both in height and length, of the buildings – the so-called 'footprint'.

The planning department and the council have the power to insist the developer scales down the size of the X-types and A-types, but so far I've not heard mention of this.

Let's hope that common sense wins on October 9.

Jenny Matterface
Broadstairs

It's always party time in Ramsgate

I was interested to read in Yourthanet (letters, August 27) that Gerry O'Donnell, who is registered with the Electoral Commission as the leader of the Ramsgate First Party, describe himself as "an Independent candidate for the forthcoming general election".

Does this mean he will be leaving the Ramsgate First Party, and, if so, will the party's registered treasurer, Leslie Trevor Shonk, be taking over as caretaker leader until the party has a leadership contest?

Or is Mr Shonk busy enough as it is, with his other job as UKIP's parliamentary candidate for Thanet South?

See <http://registers.electoralcommission.org.uk/regulatory-issues/regpoliticalparties.cfm?frmGB=1&frmPartyID=755&frmType=partydetail>.

Ann Sanders
Margate

Labouring the point in lamentable style

I refer to the correspondence about Cllr John Worrow by Robert Muir (Yourthanet, August 27).

In his lamentable letter, Mr Muir implied Cllr Worrow was "un-English". This was after he made a number of inaccurate comments.

For someone who claims he has no friends in the Labour group, Mr Muir appears to have quite an appetite for lashing out at members of the North Thanet Conservative Association.

I noticed a letter from him elsewhere saying all kinds of things about local MP Roger Gale.

Mr Muir disapproves of Roger's stance against fox-hunting, saying "he voted to deny the fox-hunting fraternity the freedom to go about their lives without interference".

As a supporter of animal welfare, as I know Roger Gale is, I fully support his position against fox-hunting.

As for Mr Muir and those who appear to pull his strings, their position on the subject tells us a lot.

Jean Fleming
Birchington parish councillor

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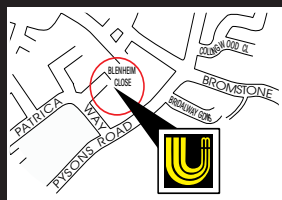
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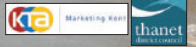
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The festival is the brain child of dentist Ashley Watson and former stand-up comic Steve Graham, who decided Whitstable would be the perfect spot for a comedy festival about 18 months ago. With a lot of hard work they got together the £20,000 needed to make the event a reality, which includes a £1,000 Make It Happen grant from Canterbury council.

"We thought Whitstable would be so right because you can walk everywhere," Mr Graham said. "We found about 50 venues we could have used. It was something we really wanted to do for the sake of the town."

At first attracting big names to the inaugural event was not easy, but once they started spreading the word, comics were keen to be beside the seaside.



FUNNY MEN: Pappy's Fun Club and Milton Jones are just two of the acts ready to make you laugh

"With any new event, acts always ask who else is on board," Mr Graham said. "Phil Jupitus rents a flat in the town on a regular basis, but he is going to be filming in America during the festival. However, when I spoke to Mark Arden, he had just spoken to Phil and then Steve Frost, Mark's friend, agreed to do it. We spoke to a booking agent who started putting the word out and all the names we wanted became available at reasonable prices."

There is a diverse range of acts on offer during the four-day festival, from a ladies only bill at the East Quay Bar on Thursday featuring Hattie Hayridge, Zoe Lyons and comper Hils Barker, to the surreal Pappy's Fun Club at the Horsebridge Arts and Community Centre on Friday.

Other comedians taking part include Richard Coughlan, Adam

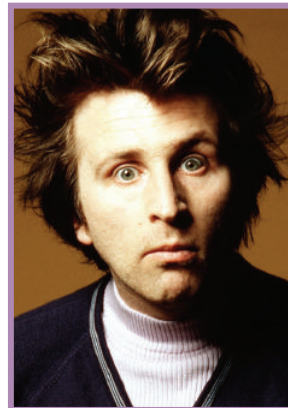
Bloom, Otiz Cannelloni, Mitch Benn, Milton Jones, Patrick Monahan, Stephen Frost and the Improv Players and many more.

There will also be live music after gigs at some of the bigger venues and some tickets include the chance to party at the East Quay until late into the night. A film screening of Sarah Silverman's Jesus is Magic will be preceded by a very special opening film, while contributors to the Funny Art! show include Harry Hill.

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He was evicted from Hell's Kitchen after apparently making homophobic remarks towards fellow contestant Brian Dowling. But he remains a popular comedian who often entertains the British Forces abroad. In 1999 he founded The British Forces Foundation, with the aim of thanking servicemen and women on the country's behalf.

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More female capers are to be found in Charmed, the popular supernatural series which is also on DVD. Series box sets at Tesco are going for £47.97 down from £59.99, so now is a great time to watch the hocus pocus for yourself.

Visit www.tesco.com for these and other bargains.

Be a top shopper when you wrap up in a coat

TOPSHOP'S sale is sure to thrill the girls as the cold weather draws in.

Star buys include a black washed cotton mac, perfect for keeping out the autumn rain £25, at half price down from £50. A stone colour trench coat, a stylish addition to any wardrobe with toggle fastening and belt, is now just £15, down from £55. A little different is a shiny, short-sleeved parka, with zip fastening, £25 down from £50.

Swing by the Westwood Cross store or see www.topshop.com.

Computer fans will be game for these deals

THE deals of the week section at Gamestation's website is always worth a moment of any gamers time.

Games currently the subject of bargain offers include Halo 3 on the Xbox 360 for £14.99 and Sega Superstars Tennis on the Nintendo Wii for £9.99.

The Orange Box, a frantic shoot 'em up game, will retail at £19.99 on the Xbox 360 when it is released in mid October.

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Bands do battle at the Tin

BY SIMON ROBINSON

TALENTED musicians across the county are sharpening their choruses and donning KISS-style warpaint for the Tap'n'Tin's latest Battle of the Bands competition.

Forty-eight unsigned acts will take part in the Chatham venue's mammoth contest hoping to pick up the first-place prize of £1,000 in studio recording time, a CD release and a support slot with a secret headline act.

Among the bands competing for the Top of the Tin title are The Suggestions, Krissy and the Jackdaws, The Chinese Fireworks Company, Needs Must, The Deccas and Tokyo Jo.

The first round of two band head-to-heads runs until mid-November, with the audience voting for who they want to progress to the next round.

Each act gets just 40 minutes to win over the crowd, with the first heading to the stage at 8.50pm and the second following at 10pm.

Judges enter the equation at round three, with their expert opinions and the crowd's view deciding upon the victors.

Four rounds of heats will leave just three bands remaining for the March final, in which the overall winner will have to impress five expert judges to pick up the Top of the Tin crown.



HEAT IS ON: Tap'n'Tin combatants (clockwise from top) The Chinese Fire Company, James Doyle and The Deccas

Tap'n'Tin events manager Chris Pritchard said: "The Tap has always had a strong relationship with local acts and so this was our way of celebrating how good the local unsung talent is."

"We have a competition featuring 48 top bands in the county. They range from folk to pop to heavy metal."

"The competition lasts until March 28 and the prize is £1,000 of recording time and a release



with The Tap'n'Tin recording company. They also will be playing with a very special guest in April as part of the competition, which is being held every Monday and Tuesday through until Christmas.

"We strongly urge you to come and support some incredible bands. The last competition spawned Underground Heroes." Entry to each heat costs £2.

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Jools Holland performs in Rochester

UPCOMING HEATS

Monday, September 15 - **TAKE COURAGE vs MILTON AVENUE**

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Monday 22 - **WAYSIDE KINGS vs THE STARTOVER**

Tuesday 23 - **THE CHINESE FIREWORKS COMPANY vs JAMES DOYLE**

Saturday 27 - **EBEN vs ATLANTIC HEARTS**

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YOUR TV REVIEW

HOW CLEAN IS YOUR HOUSE?
Channel 4, 8.30pm, Wednesday
HARRY AND PAUL
BBC 1, 9pm, Friday

■ BY TOM BETTS

WE all know the odd filthy so and so.

That friend who could do with an up close and personal with a can of deodorant, or the auntie who should really iron her clothes once in a while.

Then there's that odd guy at work who could do with brushing his teeth more than once a month.

Most of us can cope with that person for the odd hour or two, but you wouldn't necessarily want to pop round their house for tea and biscuits, unless maybe threatened with death.

So spare a thought for Channel 4 duo Kim and Aggie, who are to grease and grime what Batman and Robin are to fighting crime.

In *How Clean Is Your House?* they may be spared having to dine with their subjects, but the unenviable task of wiping a cloth round the grubby stranger's toilet bowl or sticking their hand down the back of a sofa that's been sitting in a dog hair-infested living room since the dawn of time, is no walk in the park either.

To be fair it's not a very entertaining show in all and the formula remains pretty much the same week in, week out, but it does have that 'I can't believe what I'm seeing' factor that often makes it hard to look away from these kind of shows.

If nothing else it's the kind of half-hour of TV that will make you want to jump up, grab a duster and a can of Mr Muscle and give the living room the once over for five minutes, which can be no bad thing in all.

Harry Enfield has returned to ped-



CLEANING UP: Kim (above) and Aggie who co-host Channel 4's *How Clean Is Your House?*

dle his distinctive brand of infantile humour with Paul Whitehouse.

In the early 90s you couldn't walk down a street without hearing one of these pair's catchphrases with Whitehouse repeating the feat with the highly rated *The Fast Show* not long after.

Their latest offering, the sketch show *Harry and Paul*, will not have the same impact, but the take-off of *Dragon's Den* last week was amusing and there were other encouraging signs that made me stick with it for the duration.

If you don't expect too much and can handle the odd bum note then you could certainly do a lot worse.

There's a bit more life left in the old dogs yet.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)
RETREATING from the world can cause more trouble than it's worth. If you've been disappointed it doesn't mean you have to cut ties with a person. If one instructor doesn't suit you, find another. A dividend, refund or insurance payment can give you extra money for lessons.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)
EXPANDING your horizons is fulfilling and frustrating, your friends and family keep trying to hold you back. They are just worried you'll get hurt. Turn a deaf ear to their warnings. You may make some serious mistakes, but at least they'll be your mistakes.
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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)
IN the past, you may have taken good health for granted. Now you're starting to experience aches and pains, you see you need to be more careful. Eating more nutritious foods and exercise makes a world of difference and you can soon adapt to your new lifestyle.
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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)
YOU'RE eager to explore greener pastures, but may not have the opportunity. While you resent this restriction, you need to accept it. Find different ways to branch out. Armchair travel can be done by reading and watching movies. You might also want to learn a foreign language.
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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)
YOU could run the risk of losing your identity in a large group. Although the people around you are undeniably talented, they can't make decisions for you. When people learn about your decision, they may try to change your mind. Stand firm. Only you know your own heart.
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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)
LEARNING to share is the first order of business. At times you'll benefit from pooling your resources with a friend, and at others the going could get slow, just go with it. You're learning a lesson about intimacy. You'll also start questioning some of your attitudes toward money.
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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)
FOR weeks, you've been focused on family responsibilities. Now you're being given a golden opportunity to relax. People are starting to look to you for guidance. Your students will respond more readily to your lessons if you approach them with energy and enthusiasm.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)
YOU need to rein in your spending. The more you save now, the easier it will be later. Friends may be pressuring you to throw caution to the wind. Turn a deaf ear, you're the one who needs to survive on your bank account. An authority figure admires your restraint, and could reward you.
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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)
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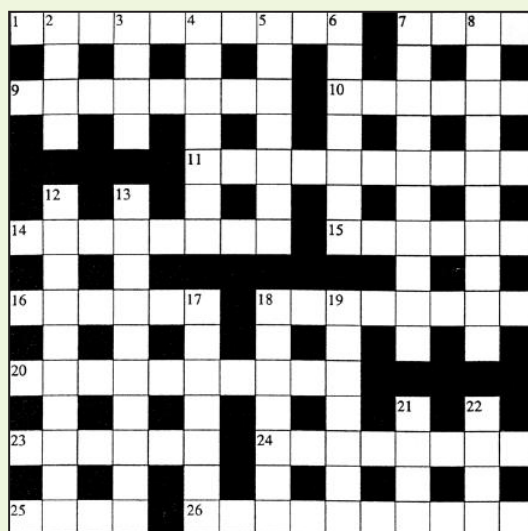
ACROSS

- 1 Cut only one of the cards first and doubled up (10)
- 7 River gently goes by tent-site (4)
- 9 Splendid old levy? (8)
- 10 Some seven ice-creams bought in the city (6)
- 11 Certain to be successful in three-legged race? (5,2,3)
- 12 Many taking on search for victory (8)
- 15 Remarkable odd jewel in fairground car (6)
- 16 Jack took Elizabeth to head of convent (6)
- 18 Nervously tense when hung by the neck! (6-2)
- 20 Fresh enthusiasm in addition for the country (3,7)
- 23 All-embracing girl about to hit the ball high (6)
- 24 Ready to be won over, having a meal Ben prepared (8)
- 25 Flower sticks audibly! (4)
- 26 Mac should be (10)

DOWN

- 2 A strange plant (4)
- 3 Continue to look up (4)
- 4 VIP has no furniture (7)
- 5 Meet earth-dweller leading chase (7)
- 6 Split had been shared (7)
- 7 United name found in agreement (10)
- 8 Weapon automatically used? (10)
- 12 Accidental accommodation for couple of families under one roof (6-4)
- 13 Press container for accordion (7-3)
- 17 Accept without questioning name of bird (7)
- 18 Sailor and where he might be first obtaining preservative (3-4)
- 19 Hot coloured stag? (3,4)
- 21 Some pasha arrived shrouded in sea-mist (4)
- 22 From Laos as well (4)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Embodiment of American finance (4,6)
- 7 Curtain (4)
- 9 Sweetheart (8)
- 10 German composer (6)
- 11 Written works (10)
- 14 Raised price of property after receiving offer (8)
- 15 South African city (6)
- 16 Exhausted (4-2)
- 18 Wrapped up (8)
- 20 Stargazer (10)
- 23 Shellfish soup (6)
- 24 Woollens (8)
- 25 Strange (Scottish) (4)

DOWN

- 2 Hairstyle (4)
- 3 Neil (anag.) (4)
- 4 Slattern (7)
- 5 Made an effort (7)
- 6 Stood on high (7)
- 7 Non-meat-eater (10)
- 8 Arctic vessel (10)
- 12 Impromptu jazz concert (3,7)
- 13 Equal exchange (4,3,3)
- 17 Acrid (7)
- 18 Large round fruit (7)
- 19 French island (7)
- 21 Rock to and fro (4)
- 22 Skein (4)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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QUICK SOLUTION No53

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ROCKNROLLA (15)



Guy Ritchie returns to the streets of London, but he needn't have bothered. RocknRolla is of fleeting style and no substance. Old school mobster and foul-mouthed bigot Lenny Cole has visions of grandeur and is keen to forge business ties with a shady Russian billionaire. Unfortunately, the investment money is part of a get rich scheme orchestrated by a sexy accountant and some petty thieves.

DISASTER MOVIE (15)



When you've hit bottom and the last glimmer of hope has disappeared, the only way is up, isn't it? Apparently not. Disaster Movie, from the writers-directors of Meet the Spartans, lives up to its name. Lacklustre dance moves and questionable look-alikes, Disaster Movie opens with a humourless prologue set in 10,001 BC, then jumps to present day where the fun never begins.

THE STRANGERS (15)



A battle of wits between a young couple and three masked strangers who invade their home in the dead of night, this is a riveting edge-of-seat thriller. An impressive first effort from director Bryan Bertino, who never identifies the attackers enacting their despicable plan almost without exchanging a single word, except for a chilling final remark.

Costumed in tragedy

BY SARAH O'MEARA

MONTHS of being sewn in and out of 18th century corsets have clearly taken their toll on Keira Knightley.

The 23-year-old Pirates of the Caribbean star arrived for this interview in what looks like a full-length frilly black nightie.

Keira clearly learned one thing from portraying infamous 18th century socialite Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire, in her latest film *The Duchess* – that she needs to take full advantage of her modern right to breathe.

"The costumes were completely fantastic because Georgiana was a very famous fashion icon. But they weren't particularly comfortable," she says frankly.

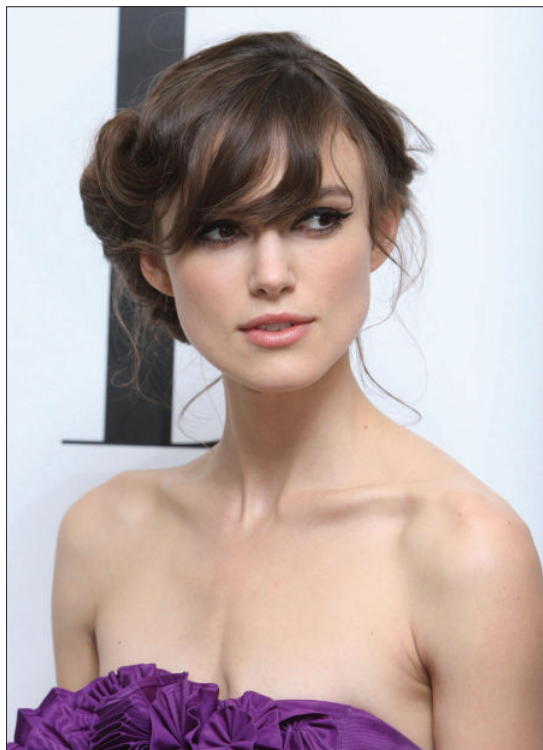
"In a corset you can't catch your breath. It means your emotions are heightened because you can't calm down."

Considering she plays an aristocrat whose glamorous, yet tragic, life has led her to be compared with the late Princess of Wales, this was not such a bad thing.

Author Amanda Foreman is largely responsible for bringing the duchess' life back into the spotlight, thanks to a biography she wrote in 1998.

Details about her husband's infidelity, her trend-setting outfits, affair with future prime minister Lord Grey and eventual menage-a-trois with her husband and former best friend Lady Bess Foster, proved sensational reading and the book was an instant hit.

The film version stars Keira Knightley along with Ralph Fiennes as the Duke, Dominic Cooper (*The History Boys* and *Mamma Mia*) as her lover Lord Grey and Hayley Atwell (*The*



BEAUTY: Keira Knightley appreciates breathing after having to wear a corset

Line Of Beauty) as Bess. Although the film's producers are hoping that linking Diana, Princess of Wales, with her great-great-great-aunt Georgiana will help attract large audiences, Keira says she didn't play on the connection.

"I was 11 when Diana died. I knew when I was going into it that she was a distant relation but that's as far as my knowledge went. I was making a film about

Georgiana Duchess of Devonshire and I think she's an interesting enough person to warrant a film about her, without comparison."

The beautiful and charismatic Georgiana was married at 17 to the Duke of Devonshire – a man more interested in sleeping with the maids and playing with his dogs than his new wife – and for many years she was unable to bear him an heir.

Her husband ignored her as a

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result and her dreams of a fairy-tale life gradually died.

But despite her personal problems, the young duchess won the heart of English society, and only the Duke seemed immune to her appeal.

"When I read the script the first thing that struck me was how incredibly lonely this woman was," says Keira.

"She was constantly surrounded by so many people and yet entirely alone. I think she just tried to grab on to any kind of love and attention she could possibly get."

Naturally enthusiastic and intelligent, Georgiana became involved in politics and eventually fell in love with the future Prime Minister, Lord Grey.

But despite having to accept her husband's mistress in a humiliating and extremely public menage-a-trois, her love for Grey was forbidden by the Duke.

"The whole journey for her is one from idealism to reality – she gets broken down. She couldn't have lived with herself if she'd gone off with Grey and given up her kids."

"I don't know if it has a happy ending but I think she survives and that can only be positive."



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Happy, I'm Sue, 53, 5ft11, size 14, enjoys country walks and meals in/out, WLTW a male to be happy again with. No time wasters! Box 443832

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EVERYTHING I DO

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Easygoing female, 62, nights in and out, drama, social drinks, seeks nice, honest man for friendship and maybe more. Box 440491

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Confident male, 5ft10, not fat! lots of tattoos, blue eyes, shaved head, seeking a female 20-50 to start again and find love with. Box 440021

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FUN AND CUDDLY

42yr old male, 5ft7, blue eyes, enjoys cinema, walking, swimming and cosy nights in, seeking a damsel to rescue and be happy with. East Sussex. Box 443933

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Self-employed carpenter/craftsman, 42, a Dad, single for a while and now looking for my soulmate, be nice to make some friends along the way. Box 887718

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Confident male, 42, 5'10", nice build, single dad, own home, loves cooking, going out, sports, WLTW someone similar to me. Maidstone. Box 441441

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1m Phil, 43, 5'8", athletic build, good appearance, easygoing, nice guy, loyal, caring, seeking similar female 28-42 to find love with! Hastings. Box 443988

BE THERE NOW

Old romantic, loyal, honest, 43, 5ft7, brown hair, blue eyes, likes most things, WLTW female to settle down with and find love. Box 443410

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Loving guy, in Ashford, 1m 43, and have dark hair/blue eyes, medium build. I enjoy theatre, holidays, cinema, beach walks, music, bowling. Box 437557

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Blond, blue-eyed male, 46, 5ft8, enjoys socialising, cinema, live alone in Ashford, looking for a great lady for fun, friendship and more. Box 442164

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Try the pleasures of plantation life

■ BY MIKE WATSON

NEXT time you pour yourself a cup of tea, drink a toast to Devastating Emily. That was the lurid nickname of a leaf virus that wiped out the coffee crop in Ceylon in the 1870s.

But a group of mainly Scottish pioneers weren't to be beaten. They were already growing tea – green gold. The plantations they established and the bankrupt coffee estates they bought are still producing some of the best of the world's crop.

Four thousand feet up in the centre of the country, now Sri Lanka, life has hardly changed since those days.

Until recently the area was hardly a holiday region. Transport isn't easy in Sri Lanka; most people travel in crowded buses that hurtle and roar around the hairpin bends.

This is definitely not a self-drive destination and most visitors hire a car with a driver for their trip. You'd be a nervous wreck five minutes after leaving the airport, even if Sri Lankans do drive on the left (in theory).

The four-hour drive from Colombo, the island's capital and site of its only international airport, can be arduous even with a skilled and friendly driver like ours. But it's worth it. Tucked away amid the rolling, vivid green tea



DRINK: Enjoy the dark green hillsides of tea country

estates is Tea Trails, four large bungalows that were once the homes of European planters.

Now tourists sample the luxurious life they once lived, complete with complementary gin and tonics, British cooking and clotted cream high teas.

These historic buildings, with a total of 20 luxurious bedrooms and suites, have been restored by Dilmah, one of Sri Lanka's leading tea producers. Each bungalow has its own manager, butler, chef and gardeners. They all have beautifully-kept grounds and overlook, or are close to, Castlereagh Lake, a reservoir in the Bogawantalawa Valley, known as the

Golden Valley of Tea. And there's plenty to do from your bungalow base. Activities include white water rafting, mountain biking, kayaking on the lake and treks and walks through the hillside tea plantations.

One essential visit is to one of the tea factories, huge three or four-storey multi-windowed buildings where – in less than 24 hours – freshly picked leaves are turned into the black tea we know so well. The tea is taken to Colombo for auction and more than 90 per cent is exported. But you can buy it at one of the many factories, which welcome visitors and have their own shops.

Sri Lanka has plenty of other attractions to offer visitors and we managed to cram in several in our short stay.

The island's beaches are famous and a good stop after a long flight is Negombo, just a few miles from the airport. Sri Lankans are mad on cricket and there were some very promising youngsters playing on the sands.

Also on our itinerary was some culture – two World Heritage Sites, the cave paintings and Buddha statues at Dambulla and the 200-metre high Sigiriya rock fortress and gardens.

And you can't miss the elephants. We saw 50 at dusk by a lake in Kaudulla National Park, and later visited the Pinnewala elephant orphanage, where around 80 animals of all ages live and bathe twice a day in the nearby river under the gaze of the tourists.

But my lasting memory of Sri Lanka will be the dark green hillsides of the tea country.

TRAVEL DETAILS

Tropical Sky offers seven night tailor-made tours to Sri Lanka from £1,099 (two sharing) in May and June, including return flights. Accommodation, on B&B basis, includes one night at The Beach Hotel in Colombo, one at Heritage Kandalama, two in a deluxe room at Earl's Regency Hotel in Kandy and two all-inclusive in a luxury room at The Tea Trails. Package includes air-conditioned vehicle, with chauffeur guide, and entrance to various attractions. Tropical Sky reservations: 0870 907 9600 and www.tropicalsky.co.uk.

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PROPERTY NEWS

Website makes the right moves for a good profit

PROPERTY listings site Rightmove has reported a strong set of financial results for the first half of the year, despite the turbulence in the market.

Revenue for the six months ending June 30 was up by 49 per cent to some £37.8 million, in comparison to a figure of £25.4 million for the same period last year.

This allowed the site to generate operating profit of £20.8 million, up 58 per cent from £13.2m for the same period in 2007.

The increases in revenue and profit have been driven by a rise in the average revenue per advertiser, which is up from £234 per month last year to £317 over the period.

Approximately 90 per cent of all the residential property advertised for sale in the UK appears on the site, with Rightmove now the dominant force in the industry.

"These strong results, coming at a time of severe housing market difficulties, are evidence of the strength of the Rightmove proposition and the loyalty of our customers," said Ed Williams, group managing director.

"We are redoubling our efforts to ensure that Rightmove generates the enquiries from prospective homebuyers which our customers so desperately need."

Positive outlook for buy-to-let investors

MORTGAGE brokers remain positive about the prospects for professional buy-to-let investors but are unsure about amateur landlords, a survey undertaken by market analysts has revealed.

The study from The Mortgage Works, said that while 45 per cent thought they would maintain their portfolio as it is, 49 per cent said they expected professional investors to acquire new properties this year.

This is up from 44 per cent six months ago, suggesting intermediaries are becoming more optimistic about landlords' ability to negotiate the credit crunch successfully.

In contrast, there has been a significant increase in the proportion of brokers who feel amateur landlords will not acquire new properties.

Fee suspension stamps out mortgage struggles

Scheme also helps first-time buyers

■ BY NICK AMES

STAMP duty has been suspended for a year on properties that cost less than £175,000 in a bid to boost the housing market and keep people struggling with repayments in their homes.

The move forms part of an emergency rescue package for home buyers and owners and was designed to help those who are facing repossession to stay in their homes.

Under the scheme, which will cost £1bn, vulnerable families will be offered the chance to sell their home and rent it back at a cheaper price.

They can sell the property to a registered social landlord who will clear the mortgage and then offer them a cheaper price in rent.

They will also have the opportunity to enter into shared ownership of the property.

The policy is designed to help families struggling with mortgages, but also those attempting to get on to the property ladder.

First-time buyers whose household income is less than £60,000 will be able to buy newly built properties with an equity loan of up to 30 per cent of the property's value.

Communities secretary Hazel Blears said: "This is about those families out there who want to get a house of their own, or those struggling with a mortgage."

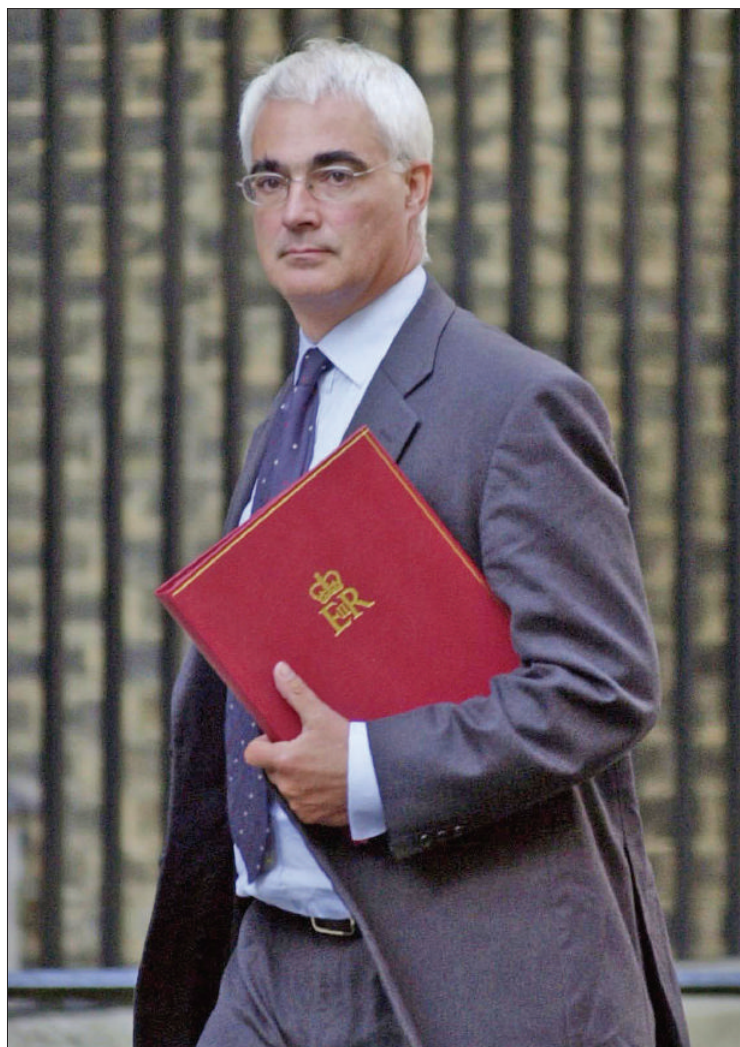
"The Government has a responsibility to help," she said.

Recent figures show the number of homes being repossessed hit their highest level for 12 years during the first half of the year.

Around 18,900 properties were taken back by lenders - 48 per cent more than during the same period of 2007.

Last month the Chancellor Alistair Darling was accused of damaging the faltering housing market when he refused to rule out a temporary suspension of stamp duty.

Estate agents claimed this was making buyers "wait and see" what might happen amid already dire house sales data.



UNPOPULAR: Chancellor of the Exchequer Alistair Darling has been criticised for his previous inaction

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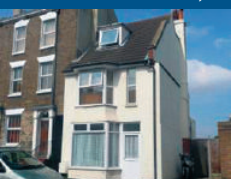
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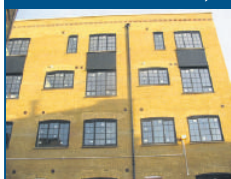
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A chance to own a delightful bungalow with nearby access to the beach. 3 bedrooms, well presented gardens and ample parking. This perfect family home certainly stands out from the rest! Recently reduced with the added incentive of half of the stamp duty being paid if the full asking price is offered!



ASHFORD

GUIDE £154,995

This 2-bedded character property is ideally located, being only a short walk from the town and close to both the International railway and M20 Motorway both with fantastic links to London. Character features, permit parking and no onward chain makes this well worth a look!



LYDD-ON-SEA

GUIDE £210,000

A 3-bed detached bungalow ideally positioned close to a local parade of shops and the beach. The bungalow boasts a well-established rear garden and a pleasant rear outlook. Internally the generous sized accommodation is clearly presented but may benefit from some updating and improvement. A chain free sale is offered!



NEW ROMNEY

GUIDE £199,950

Detached 2 bed coach house designed for over 55's. New build with distinctive living area, fitted kitchen/diner, utility, 2 double beds and 2 bathrooms. Car port and garden. Close to all shops and amenities.



DYMCHURCH

GUIDE £220,000

This detached extended bungalow offers ideal retirement accommodation. Having two bedrooms, large living area, fitted kitchen and bathroom, gas central heating and double-glazing. Detached single garage with further parking. Offered chain free.



LITTLESTONE

GUIDE £199,950

Spacious 1st floor apartment with outstanding sea and coastal views. Lavish accommodation with large principle rooms and balcony to the front elevation are complemented by 3 double bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen and large hallway. Viewing a must.

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Jeep powers to trio of awards in 4x4 division

DEMAND for 4x4s may be sliding, but 'classic' off-road brands like Jeep are expected to survive, especially after scooping three categories in 4x4 Magazine's prestigious 4x4 of the Year awards.

Nearly 70 vehicles were tested and Jeep took the budget, mid-size and extreme honours with its Patriot, Cherokee and Wrangler models respectively.

The magazine's editor John Carroll said: "The fuel efficient Patriot is a deserving winner for Budget 4x4 – on-road dynamics are excellent, with good handling and pleasant ride quality allied to a practical and roomy interior."



Renaultsport cheaper with Twingo scorcher

IT is now cheaper, but no less exciting to enter the world of Renaultsport, thanks to the launch of the hottest Twingo hatchback so far.

The £11,550 Renaultsport 133 version should deliver a lot of fun as well as much-needed cachet to a line-up that has so far failed to capture buyers' imagination in the hard-fought city car segment.

The newcomer is also available with optional tuned 'Cup' chassis with lowered ride height, stiffer springs and dampers plus 17-inch alloys for enhanced driving experience.



Jazz ups the tempo for the downsizing brigade

FULL marks go to Honda for the timing of its all-new Jazz supermini/MPV.

Priced from £9,990, it arrives in October as the downsizing trend gathers tempo from higher fuel and road tax costs and the drive to greener motoring.

The original Jazz was a revelation with its compact dimensions and space-ship interior plus clever lift-up rear seat bases for added load flexibility; its only real faults were gawky lines and an overly firm ride – addressed by a midlife makeover.



THE REAL DEAL: Ford's new Kuga launched earlier this year may be one of the meanest and cleanest SUVs on the market, but this counts for little with some environmentalists

Ford's new Kuga proves impressive yet frustrating

FORD kept the UK market waiting for a decent 4x4 or sports utility vehicle (SUV).

The Maverick was a contradiction cloned from the Nissan Terrano, while the big American-sourced Explorer was all too appropriately named – oil prospecting was required to keep it in fuel.

Now we have something more impressive, but times have changed in the 4x4 sector, for the Kuga launched earlier this year may be one of the meanest and cleanest SUVs on the market, but this counts for little with some environmentalists.

The car's single engine option for now is a 2.0-litre TDCi turbodiesel averaging more than 40mpg and emitting just 169g/km of CO2 – the lowest emissions in its sector and just inside the £170/year road tax Band-E.

But do not bet against Ford tweaking the engine management to limbo beneath the 165g upper limit on Band-D (£145/year), or introducing a lower capacity 'eco' version.

Every little helps and the car's relative frugality and eco-friendliness may just be the incentive would-be buyers need to give the

ROAD TEST FORD KUGA

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Kuga a fair trial; once they have, they will be impressed.

Other compact 4x4s claim the 'best driving' crown, but the Kuga feels like the real deal.

Based on the known excellence of the Ford Focus platform with some input from Ford-owned Volvo, the Kuga feels as lithe and sharp as the big cat that inspired its name.

There is ample low power for spirited driving, aided by a crisp six-speed 'box and there is tenacious grip and excellent body control on the bends, without the fidgety ride that mars some rivals.

As with the latest Mondeo, the Kuga also shows Ford's ambition to move upmarket; the styling is sharp and distinctive and interior fixtures and fittings are way above 'typical Ford' of a few years ago while standard kit includes keyless start, 17-inch alloys, air con, electronic stability programme (ESP) and MP3 audio compatibility.

But prices start at £20,495 for the mainstream Zetec version with the Titanium flagship I drove priced at £22,495, though Ford still prices with discounts in mind.

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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

4x4 ON THE CHEAP

SOARING fuel and tax costs, plus the economic downturn, have clobbered second-hand values for big thirsty 4x4s, but the redefined market has firmed up prices on smaller 'rough and tough' drives. Fact is some people who bought 4x4s originally, have become used to the extra grip and higher driving position even if they don't tend to seek out serious off-roading. So, forced to sell their bigger 4x4s, many may be looking to downsize to budget all-wheel-drive alternatives although these are not without their drawbacks – including less space.

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FIAT PANDA 4x4



MAYBE not quite the typical 'butch' 4x4, but the Panda makes a surprisingly tough little customer for urban and rural users, thanks to under body protection and greater ride height. Despite Fiat's past reputation for poor reliability, the Panda has also proved itself as dependable as it is practical thanks to the boxy yet stylish five-door city car body. In sharp contradiction to the 'gas guzzling' image of 4x4s, the Fiat's 1.2-litre petrol engine should average more than 40mpg too.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

SUZUKI JIMNY



PRETTY it ain't, but the Jimny has long been pretty much the cheapest 'proper' off-roader on the UK market. If you really do need cut-price 4x4 clout in challenging conditions then this is the car. However, that ability brings penalties; the Jimny is rather bouncy, primitive and crude on-road so it is not a 4x4 to buy for image-conscious town dwellers, but the car is frugal, cheap to run and prices are sensible for a reliable and durable little 4x4.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

DAIHATSU TERIOS



THIS is really a tale of two cars. The original Terios was reasonably capable off-road, but on-road refinement was poor even if the car's reliability has proved to be bulletproof and it makes a good used buy. The new version, launched in 2006, has far better ability in both departments, but is probably still too young to be found in numbers on the used market. Power is exclusively petrol in both cases, but they are reasonably economical and low emission.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
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ALFA ROMEO

146 Ti, 5 door, p 1996, a car that will one day become a collectors item. This car is a 2 owner from new with full service history mainly main dealer. It has the 2.0i engine which produces 150bhp, along with a 5 speed manual gearbox, a test drive is welcome as well as any inspection, px is available against this car, red, 94000 miles, £1495, Courtney Cars, Charing, Ashford, 01237 714848 (TRADE)

147, JTD 02, g557ge, alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, climate control, drivers airbag, electric windows, passenger airbag, power steering, remote central locking, side airbags, split/folding rear seats, tinted glass, traction control, trip computer, gey, 14000 miles, £13995, Thames Group Turbidge Wells, Turbidge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

AUDI

A4, 1.9tdi 130 se estate, 2003, blue m with grey cloth, 67000 miles, £9950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

A6, SE, g51nzf, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, abs, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, radio, electric mirrors, 15" alloys, green, 130000 miles, £5999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

TT, 1.8 2DR, 2002, trim: leather engine size: 1800 transmission: manual no. of doors: 2, green, 14000 miles, £1495, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

BENTLEY

ARNAGE, red label auto, 2001, bienheim silver with black leather, 50000 miles, £49490, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

BMW

3 SERIES, 320 D ES E90, 219518H, titanium silver, 70724 miles, £10000, Big Motoring World, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

6 SERIES, 645ci coupe, 2004, mystic blue with black dakota leather, 39000 miles, £24950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

7 SERIES, 730d SE AUTO, 2191418H, sterling grey, 63748 miles, £17000, Big Motoring World, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

7 SERIES, 735i AUTO, 2002, oxford green metallic with beige nappa exclusive, 79000 miles, £11950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

X5, 3.0D SE AUTO NEW SHAPE, £6700, black, 9129 miles, £33000, Big Motoring World, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

Z3, 1.9 Roadster Convertible 2d 1895cc, p189jmt, abs braking system, alloy wheels, leather seats, electric windows & mirrors, radio, cd, front foglights, black, 59150 miles, £7995, E-SUREDD Cars Uk, Broadstairs, 0845 6447751 (TRADE)

CHEVROLET

CAPTIVA, 2.0 VCDi 1T 5dr, 18/08/2007, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser cruise control auto climate control electric windows, brown, 12852 miles, £13500, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

KALOS, 1.4 SX, g577ox, finished in pearl black with black interior, black, 1000 miles, £5995, Caffyns Chevrolet Wells Vauxhall, Turbidge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

KALOS, S 1.2, g57gxo, finished in sports blue with black interior, blue, 1000 miles, £6295, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, Turbidge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

LACETTI, SX 1.6, g505gh, finished in silver with interior, silver, 33000 miles, £5995, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, Turbidge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

MATIZ, 1.0SE/A, g577eo, finished in ocean blue with blue interior, blue, 5000 miles, £7990, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, Turbidge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

MATIZ, SE 0.8, 1160639, finished in black with black interior, blue, 8000 miles, £5995, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, Turbidge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

TACUMA, SX 1.6, g56fku, finished in blue with black cloth interior, blue, 3000 miles, £6995, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, Turbidge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

CHRYSLER

300C, 5.7v8 auto estate, 2007, brilliant crystal met with dark and light shade, 10,577 miles, £18950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

NEON, 2.0 LXI, 1995 (n), 95 (n) chrysler neon 2.0 bi automatic, 5 door salon, metallic green coachwork with contrasting grey velour trim, low mileage, service history, new met, wv x 4, em, pas, bags, original hi-fi, only 1 owner from new a snip at just over £995 many more quality pre-owned cars for sale on: www.rivieracarsales.co.uk, metallic green, low mileage miles, £only £995, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 242424 (TRADE)

PT CRUISER, g505 afo, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, remote central locking, remote alarm, cloth upholstery, centre armrest, height adjustable seat, powered folding mirrors, abs, twin air bags, beige, 9600 miles, £5495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

CITROEN

BERLINGO 800, 04 2005, 1.9d 1 se door white pas 43000 miles fsh sided, £4350, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

C-CROSSER, 2.2 HDi Code 5dr, 2008, 2.2 hdi code 5dr estate special edition, grey, 1000 miles, £2195, Wilmonds Folkestone, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

C1, 1.0i Vibe 5dr, 2005, 1.0i vibe 5dr hatch, red, 29813 miles, £5250, Wilmonds Folkestone, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4 HDi 16V SX 5dr, 2004, 1.4 hdi 16v sx 5dr diesel hatch, blue, 63973 miles, £5995, Wilmonds Ashford, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

C4, 1.6 HDi 16V VTR 35v 5dr, 2006, 1.6 hdi 16v vtr plus 5dr diesel hatch, beige, 12740 miles, £6995, Wilmonds Folkestone, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

C5, 1.6 HDi 16V VTX+ 5dr, 2008, 1.6 hdi 16v vtx+ 5dr diesel hatch, red, 3000 miles, £12395, Barretts Citroen, Canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

C6, 2.7 HDi V6 Exclusive 4dr Auto, 2006, 2.7 hdi v6 exclusive 4dr auto diesel salon, grey, 12730 miles, £19995, Barretts Citroen, Canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

C8, 2.0 HDi 16V SX 5dr Auto, 2004, 2.0 hdi 16v sx 5dr auto diesel estate, oriental blue, 47265 miles, £9495, Motors Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0989 (TRADE)

SAKO, 1.6i 16v VTS Hatchback 3d 1587cc (2000), 03, met blue, miles, £3999, Bob Fisher Garage, Ashford, 01303 814131 (TRADE)

XSARA, 1.4 DIESEL, 2002, red, met, 87186 miles, £3395, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

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NUBIRA 4 door salon, 06 2000, 1.6 p se met july 08, 0 miles, £5500, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

LANOS, 1.4 S Hatchback 3d 1349cc, w583vln, new met very clean cheap tax & insurance, green, 33935 miles, £1495.00, DCD Autos, ASHFORD, 01233 642211 (TRADE)

TACUMA, CDX 1998cc 5 door, 2002, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels central locking alarm driver's airbag auto driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, met blue, £5000 miles, £2495, Northdown Road Motor Company, Margate, 01843 290890 (TRADE)

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COPEN, Activtop 1.3, 08/2008, red leather interior pas remote central locking rear spoiler dual exhaust pipes a/c on electric windows rear wind deflector front fog lights sports seats, grey metallic, delivery miles miles, £12370, Chertton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

GRAND MOVE, v328hji, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, power steering, metallic paintwork, electric front windows, radio, red, 45000 miles, £1999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

MATERIA, 08/2008, alloy wheels twin exhaust tinted glass a/c on remote c/locking electric windows fog lamps reverse park sensors & much more!! dark red mica, delivery miles miles, £11,495, Chertton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

SIRION, 1.3 SE Hatchback 5dr Auto, 08/2008, pas remote c/locking electric windows alloy wheels r parking sensors, black, 1,000 miles, £5945, Chertton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

FIAT

DUCATO 14 2.8 jtd, 02 2002, 14 seats minibus rohlit ri axle 40,000 miles tallit air suspension ex council ideal camper conversion, £7995, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

BRAVO 100 SX, 2001 "j", a medium sized car with a 1.6 engine, pas c/lock s/hist very reasonaly priced, a 3 month warranty is offered on the screen price and we will take our old car in part exchange, a new test will be included, blue, 75,000 miles, £1495, Courtney Cars, Charing, Ashford, 01233 714848 (TRADE)

CINQUECENTO, m/1994, manual locking manual windows, red, 74,000 miles, £1195, Chertton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

COUPE, 2.0 16v, 1995, red, 72451 miles, £1995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

DOBLO, 1.2 Dynamic 8v, ex05mc, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, colour coded interior, centre armrest, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, child locks, twin air bags, colour coded body, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, air conditioning, cd player, alloy wheels, blue, 28000 miles, £5490, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 06/2006, alloy wheels a/c auto steering controls electric mirrors electric windows remote c/locking radio/cd player, beige metallic, 25,000 miles, £6995, Chertton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

MAREA, TD 100 SX Weekend, 1998, red, 106000 miles, £995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

PANDA, Active 5dr, ex04ew, alarm, anti-theft system, central locking, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, folding rear seats, rear spoiler, abs, air bag, power steering, electric front windows, cd player, blue, 4000 miles, £3995, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

PUNTO, ELX 3dr, ex02hjp, cloth upholstery, immobiliser, head restraints, height adjustable seat, folding rear seats, adjustable steering column, power steering, air bag, uk specification, uk supplied, radio, blue, 55671 miles, £2995, Lifestyle Renault, Turbidge Wells, 0844 8446514 (TRADE)

SEICENTO, Sporting 3dr, 4023314, 14" alloys, red, 26000 miles, £2495, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

SPOIDER, X19 1500 Sports, 755461, metallic paintwork, 14" alloys, fiat x19 very genuine classic car last keeper owned since 30/01/1985 outstanding condition for year, gold, 44000 miles, £2999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

STILO, Dynamic 16v 5dr, ex02fzt, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, silver metallic, 40000 miles, £3499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

FORD

CONNECT T220, 1.2 tddi 75 ps sbw white ply lined 80,000 miles fsh, £3930, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

C-MAX, Zetec (2007 5) 5-Dr 1.8 TDCi Lynx Stg 4 115 PS - , 14/02/2008, cd player abs alarm driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, silver, 10370 miles, £12499, Invicta Motors, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Ghia, 1998, insurance group 7 2 owners alloy wheels immobiliser drivers airbag power steering central locking front electric windows, toumalard, 61000 miles, £2000, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 Zetec Hatchback 5d 1596cc (2005), 53, silver, 62, 000 miles, £4499.00, Bob Fisher Garage, Ashford, 01303 814131 (TRADE)

FUSION, 1.4 TDCi 2 5dr, ea52kpx, air conditioning, computer, electric mirrors, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, radio/cd, rear headrests, contact lewis gallego & rim anl, silver, 51000 miles, £5000, SMC Ford Gravesend, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

GALAXY, 1.8 TDCi LX 5dr, af07uny, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, central locking, child locks, cloth upholstery, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, heated screen, metallic paintwork, passenger airbag, remote locking, insurance group:10, blue, 2789 miles, £14931, SMC Ford Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

KA, 1.3i Studio 3dr, g080xf, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, folding rear seats, abs, air bag, uk supplied, uk specification, radio cassette, power steering, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, moon dust silver, 11 miles, £5950, Lifestyle Ford Turbidge Wells, Turbidge Wells, 0844 8446514 (TRADE)

KA, Style, 2007, amethyst, 7036 miles, £4995, 8c Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

MONDEO, 1.8 TDCi Zetec 5dr (2008 - , 31/03/2008, cd player abs driver airbag power steering electric windows, grey, 2035 miles, £14999, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

STREETKAT, 1.6i Luxury 2dr, 13/06/2005, cd player leather hood cover driver airbag electric windows silver, 13047 miles, £7499, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

TRANSIT, T350 MWB Tipper, g54azp, remote central locking, central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, ladder basket, power steering, abs, colour coded body, radio cassette, uk specification, uk supplied, blue, 30900 miles, £9995, Van Zone Turbidge Wells, Turbidge Wells, 0844 8446528 (TRADE)

TRANSIT, tipper 2.4tdci 350mbw, na05uzt, yellow, please call lewis gallego, white, 25000 miles, £11495, SMC Ford Gravesend, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

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ACCORD, 2.0 i-Vtec EX 4dr Auto, 1449649, accord accord 2.0 i-Vtec ex 4dr auto £11,988.00, registration x080thj sale price £11,988.00, registered 2006 mileage 17200 miles, transmission automatic body style salon, fuel type petrol exterior black, number of doors 4 interior, previous owners 1 interior trim, drake and fletcher provide a variety of warranty options, our sales teams will be happy to explain the options to you, black, £11988, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Turbidge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

ACCORD, 2001, red, 78446 miles, £2995, FGBarnes, Maidstone, 01622 755531 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 2.2 i-Ctdi Type S 3dr, 1502649, honda civic 2.2 i-Ctdi type s 3dr £15,988.00, registration g080hww sale price £15,988.00, registered 2008 mileage 4100 miles, transmission manual body style hatchback, fuel type diesel exterior grey, number of doors 3 interior, previous owners 0 interior trim, drake and fletcher provide a variety of warranty options, our sales teams will be happy to explain the options to you, orange, £15988, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Turbidge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

CIVIC, EX 2.2, g06jwli, finished in silver with interior, silver, 36000 miles, £10990, Caffyns Turbidge Wells Vauxhall, Turbidge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

CR-V 2.2i-Ctdi Sport 5dr, 1476649, honda cr-v 2.2i-cdi sport 5dr £13,988.00, registration ng56wd sale price £13,988.00, registered 2007 mileage 18000 miles, transmission manual body style estate, fuel type diesel exterior grey, number of doors 5 interior, previous owners 1 interior trim cloth, drake and fletcher provide a variety of warranty options, our sales teams will be happy to explain the options to you, grey, £13988, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Turbidge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

HR-V, 4wd 3dr auto, 836461, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, stereo, 4x4, red, 65000 miles, £2999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

JAZZ, Dsi SE 5dr, w5x6gf, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, folding rear seats, rear headrests, rear wash/wipe, metallic paintwork, colour coded body, multiple airbags, abs, power steering, electric front windows, electric mirrors, air conditioning, cd player, alloy wheels, aluminium silver, 13000 miles, £9995, Automatically Ray Morris (Boxleyheath), Boxleyheath, 01322 524 680 (TRADE)

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ACCENT, 2004, red, 11400 miles, £4795, WJ King Vauxhall, Welling, 020 8033 1234 (TRADE)

AMICA, 1.1 Cdx 5dr, 1344649, registry amica 1.1 cdx 5dr ES, 395.00, registered 06/5wmd sale price £5,395.00, registered 2006 mileage 6839 miles, transmission manual body style hatchback, fuel type petrol exterior grey, number of doors 5 interior grey, previous owners 1 interior trim cloth, there are a variety of warranty options which our sales team will be happy to explain to you, £5395, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Turbidge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

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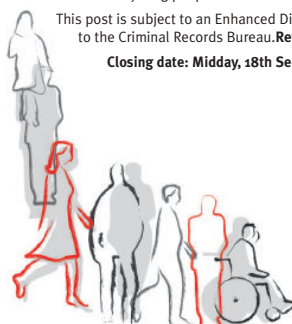
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Virtually missing out

MORE than three-quarters of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the south east now claim to offer some form of flexible working, says BT Business.

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However, a report backed by BT, IT Skills for Flexible Working, by independent forecasting think tank The Centre for Future Studies, says few SMEs are using the most up-to-date practices where technology is fully integrated to create a virtual office.

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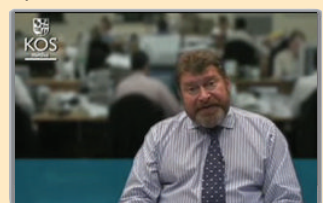
A TRAINING, development and coaching consultancy says more Kent businesses are taking a long-term view in the current economic downturn and investing in training.

Trish Jordan, co-director of Ashford-based Rich Picture, said: "It is encouraging to see more companies in Kent requesting support for coaching and training."

Many businesses are looking at ways to reduce costs, often by redundancies. However, the Chartered Institute of Personnel Development (CIPD) has seen a number of businesses reversing this trend by taking a long-term view and investing more in their staff.

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Business editor Tony Patey takes a look at the latest developments on the scene

Efficiency is the key to cutting back spending

■ BY TONY PATEY

RESEARCH shows two out of every three small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) are doing all they can to be energy efficient or are desperate for help on how to reduce energy usage.

Badar Khan, managing director of British Gas Business, told KOS Media that at a time of rising inflation, increasing costs across the board and reductions in entrepreneurs' tax relief, SMEs in Kent are feeling the pinch.

He said: "As they look at ways to cut costs, we think they could be missing some small tricks that could have a big impact."

"Research conducted by Ipsos MORI shows 61 per cent of SMEs believe they are doing all they can to be energy efficient and a similar number are crying out for help and advice on how they can further reduce their energy usage."

He recommends four ways of cutting energy use and saving money on energy bills – ways that have worked at his firm's Leicester office, where they've reduced electricity consumption by 13 per cent and gas by 50 per cent.

Mr Khan said this has helped the office save 455 tonnes of carbon dioxide and £58,000 on energy bills.

His four top tips are:

- Education. Did you know that leaving a photocopier on overnight wastes enough energy to make 1,500 A4 copies, and just 7cm of insulation on your hot water boiler and lagging of water pipes will save energy and prevent burst pipes in cold weather?

Teach your people to help them realise they can all make a real difference: reducing these costs will be good news for everyone.

- Dissemination. Designate a 'green team' whose responsibility it is to make sure energy efficient measures are implemented quickly. It's their responsibility to educate colleagues about the company's 'green' policies and make sure everything is switched off at the end of the day. Just turning off lights at night can cut your lighting bill by 15 per cent.

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CUT BACK: Badar Khan recommends some easy ways to reduce spending by raising awareness and turning things off

energy efficiency at home, at work few people seem to know where the buck should stop.

- Visualisation. Putting up posters and stickers around the workplace will remind people what they can do to save energy – and money. Also, turning down your thermostat by one degree can shave eight per cent of your energy bill.

- Action. Installing time switches to shut machines down overnight can help you make significant savings over the course of a year

and cavity wall insulation and draft excluders can reduce heat loss and energy consumption by up to 35 per cent.

For those looking at longer term savings, consider generating your own energy through new technologies such as solar photovoltaic and combined heat and power (CHP) systems.

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Pro40 promotion least Kent deserve, says Key



CHANCE: Rob Key is hoping for better luck against Essex

KENT skipper Rob Key believes a win against old adversaries Essex this weekend – and with it promotion from Division Two of the Pro40 – is the least his side deserves.

The Spitfires sit in second spot behind Essex going into the final game of the season at Canterbury on Saturday.

A win for Key's side would not only ensure promotion, but it may also earn them the Division Two title if Yorkshire fail to win their final two games.

The game pits together two sides who are arguably the best one-day teams in the country and there have already been a number of big clashes between the pair.

The defeat to Essex in the Friends Provident Trophy at Lord's last month still haunts Key, but the chance to lift the Pro40 title would help nurse those wounds.

CRICKET

He said: "Promotion from Division Two of the NatWest Pro40 would be the least we deserve after a season spent competing for every prize."

"It has been easy in recent weeks to think that someone up there hasn't wanted us to win anything."

"It has been a real test of our character, as individuals and as a team. Hopefully, by keeping going forward the way we have, we will get our final reward right at the end."

As well as earning promotion, Kent are still in the hunt for the County Championship Division One title.

Rain prevented them earning any more than seven bonus points in last week's draw

against relegation-threatened Surrey at St Lawrence that left them nine points behind leaders Nottinghamshire.

A trip to Liverpool to play Lancashire on Wednesday next week is followed by Kent's final game of the season at home to Durham on September 24.

Key believes his side are underdogs to claim the title but still expects it to go down to the wire.

He said: "I would say that Nottinghamshire, Somerset and Durham were all ahead of us in the race for the county title."

"All I hope is that we can keep ourselves in contention until our last game, at home to Durham at Canterbury. Then we would have quite a bit in our own hands and, if everyone is still fit and available, it would be quite a selection decision on our final XI."

Weather fails to put a damper on croquet

MEMBERS of Ramsgate Croquet Club braved the weather to compete in the annual Family Day on Saturday.

The competition sees members of the junior section team up with a family member.

James Goodbun and his brother Anthony were the eventual winners ahead of Den Crickett and his mother Jackie. It was the latest trophy for James, 15, who is in the finals of the All England Golf Croquet Handicap finals to be held in Dorset later this month.

The junior section will continue on Saturday mornings, between 10am and noon, until the end of the season.

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Formula One's Lewis Hamilton takes his McLaren F1 car around Brands Hatch

Wheeler puts Harts on road to promotion

IN ADDITION to helping Old Hartsdonians to promotion from East 1E, batsman Dave Wheeler finished the season as the top run scorer in the Feeder Leagues.

The opening batsman was in superb form all season, notching an incredible five centuries in 12 matches to finish on 838 runs for the summer. He accumulated 133 runs more his nearest challenger and averaged an excellent 93.1.

Wheeler's highest score came in the penultimate week of the season, when he hit an unbeaten 121 to steer Old Hartsdonians to an eight-wicket victory against Nelson.

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Broadstairs left to rue poor season of batting

CRICKET ROUND-UP

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

BROADSTAIRS were condemned to relegation on the final day of the season without bowling a ball in anger.

The continued rainfall over the course of the weekend across Kent meant Broadstairs's clash at home to promoted side Bexley was abandoned and the Thanet club were unable to claw back the 14 points they needed to stay in Division One.

It was the second successive season the side had suffered the ignominy of relegation after finishing bottom of the Premier Division last season.

With only two wins all season, avoiding relegation was always going to be a long shot, especially against a Bexley side assured of promotion.

Broadstairs's problems were primarily down to their batting, with none of their players making a league century in the whole season. They will hope to stop the rot next season.

It was a similar story with the club's 2nd XI, who were relegated long before the final round of matches. They finished a whopping 55 points adrift of safety in Division One 2nd XI with just two victories all season.

After winning the Division Two 2nd XI title by a single point last season, the side were unable to make the step up.

After a slow start which saw them lose three of their first four matches, with the other game abandoned, they beat Beckenham and Hayes in consecutive weeks. It proved a false dawn and a failure to win any of the remaining 12 matches left them propping up the rest of the division.

Sandwich Town's relegation fate was also sealed by the weather as their final match of the season against Sevenoaks Vine was abandoned.

The odds were always stacked against the basement side, who needed other results to go their way to pull off a great escape.

It meant Sandwich's stay in the top flight lasted a single season following promotion as runners-up from Division One in 2007.

Westgate-on-Sea's slim promotion hopes were dashed by the weather on Saturday. They needed a huge win against Old Williamsons, coupled with second place Sandwich Town suffering a heavy defeat against Sherwood.

The rain settled the matter, with both games abandoned without a ball bowled.

The final round of the season proved bitter-



Picture: NICK DUNCAN

DOWN AND OUT: Broadstairs (batting) were relegated for the second successive season after heavy rain had the last say sweet for Old Hartsdonians, who lost their hold on top spot but were promoted from the Feeder League East 1E.

Rain prevented any play in all of the division's matches, with the exception of Ash's home game against East Langdon. A ten-wick-

et victory for the hosts saw them overhaul Old Hartsdonians in the title race, with both sides promoted to 1D.

Elsewhere in the division, Nelson finished fifth, well adrift of the title race but two places ahead of St Margaret's.

Blues pay the price for sloppy defending

FOOTBALL

BY GLENN PEARSON

Margate 0 AFC Hornchurch 2

MARGATE fell to their second home defeat of the campaign at the weekend after conceding two second-half goals.

Blustery conditions made life difficult for both sides, but the Blues did not really capitalise with the wind at their backs in the opening half.

Margate gave new signing Lee Maskell his first start in place of assistant boss Paul Smith, while Jack Parkinson and Michael Power were named on the bench after returning from injury.

The conditions meant chances were few and far between and it wasn't until the half-hour mark that there were any attempts on goal of any note.

The Urchins went close when Frank Curley headed over the bar and a minute later, Gate's Kieran Morris headed straight at goalkeeper Dale Brightly.

Former Blue Mark Goodfellow had a good chance from a Lee Hodges corner, but the defender's header bounced over Scott Chalmers-Stevens' goal.

The visitors finally took the lead four minutes into the second half.

The impressive Hodges swung a free kick into the area which the Margate defence failed to clear, leaving Goodfellow a chance to head into the net.

Hornchurch had been enjoying the majority of the possession, but on 64 minutes the Blues came close to an equaliser.

Wayne Wilson met a Danny Stubbs cross that was stopped by a defender and from the follow up Wilson's effort was deflected over the bar.

Gate were made to pay for their missed opportunity as just three minutes later Hornchurch extended their lead.

Billy Coyne's long throw was met by Kris Lee who headed over the advancing Chalmers-Stevens and into the net.

Ashby was unhappy with the manner in which his side defended and admits it needs to improve.

He told the club's website: "It was the same for both teams, but they just coped with the wind better than we did. But then again, you say that, and you can see what we can do in the last 15-20 minutes."

"You take the positive out of the game because that's the way you want to go. But for me, the worse thing about the game was the way we defended. You can't defend like that."

• The Blues were in action away to Tooting & Mitcham last night. For a report and reaction, visit www.yourthanet.co.uk.



DEFLECTED: Margate defender Louis Smith, who had a good effort saved

Picture: IOR KIPRO



SUCCESS: Double Olympic champion Kelly Holmes with the Thanet team at the Kent School Games final

Pupils produce goods at School Games final

SCHOOLS

THE Thanet School Sport Partnership (TSSP) begins its fourth year in buoyant mood after two successful events during the summer.

The Isle's schools achieved a series of excellent results in the final of the Kent School Games at Canterbury, in June.

The bi-annual competition involves 30,000 youngsters across the county and after regional heats the best teams in Kent contested the final.

Northdown Primary in Margate won the year five/six basketball competition, while St Peter's won the boys year five/six football. They beat Upton school in an all-Broadstairs final, with the latter finishing runners-up in the girls football.

The games include more than just mainstream sports, with a team from St Peter's taking third in sport-stacking and Upton finishing fourth in Kwik Cricket.

Lisa Taylor, acting Partnership development manager in Thanet, was delighted with the results.

She said: "The Thanet primary children were a credit to the district both in terms of results and attitude. They showed great enthusiasm and deserved their success."

"More importantly, they got the opportunity to participate against children from all over Kent in a festival of sport. It was great fun and it showed on the faces of all who took part."

A quartet of Thanet secondary school students won best performers awards for their displays. Freya Bayne, Taylor Clements (both Ursuline College), Sam Woodbridge (Clarendon House) and Aaron Clements (Charles Dickens) received their prizes from Olympic Bronze medalist, Ian Wynne.

In July, the TSSP held a sports festival at Ursuline College in Westgate-on-Sea, with 31 schools participating. The Partnership Festival allowed the youngsters to experience a number of activities from skipping with Skip2bFit, football with former Wales and Everton goalkeeper Neville Southall, to cheerleading and sitting volleyball.

The festival was primarily for primary school children but there was also a charity static bike relay for year seven students.

Chatham House had two teams and they were up against Ursuline, Dane Court and two athletes from St George's, who, amazingly, taking on teams of six, came third in distance travelled.

The eventual winners were Chatham House 'A', who reached a distance of more than 37 miles in three hours.

Picture: IOR KIPRO

Firth strike steers Rams clear of the danger zone

FOOTBALL

Wealdstone 0 Ramsgate 1

RAMSGATE'S form away from the Southwood Stadium has helped move them away from the Ryman Premier League's relegation zone.

Jim Ward's side put in another good away-day performance at the weekend to ensure they remain unbeaten on the road.

Despite heavy rain over the weekend, Wealdstone's newly laid pitch at The Vale stood up well.

In a lively first half, the Rams almost took the lead when Steffan Ball, on his return to the club, almost capped a dream debut but his audacious overhead kick was superbly saved.

The Rams also had another chance to take the lead when Dane Sutton pulled the trigger with a long-range volley, but again his effort was tipped round the post.

The visitors continued to pile on the pressure in the second half and had numerous chances to take the lead. Wealdstone goalkeeper Sean Thomas made another super stop from a Sutton thunderbolt and made two goal-



Picture: PHIL HODGKINSON

SO CLOSE: Steffan Ball almost capped his Ramsgate return with a goal

line clearances to deny the Rams.

Ward's side finally got what they deserved when with two minutes remaining, substitute Aaron Firth popped up with the winner to catch the Wealdstone defence napping.

The win was Ramsgate's second on the trot away from home but it is their form at home that will be of concern to Ward. The Rams are yet to pick up a point.

The Rams had a chance to improve on their home form with a game against Horsham at the Southwood Stadium last night. For a match report and reaction, visit www.yourthanet.co.uk.

Coach to put Wanderers on the road to promotion

RUGBY

THANET Wanderers have a new backroom staff in place to help them in their efforts to return to London 1 at the first time of asking.

The Wanderers suffered a terrible time in the league last season, winning just once in a campaign that saw them relegated to London 2 South.

The Thanet club have appointed Darryl Vas as their new head coach and after three pre-season friendlies, which has featured younger players together with more established players, there will be more competition for places.

There is a feeling within the club that this season will be more successful as the players have been working hard with new fitness coach Wayne Roberts and backs' coach Martin Micheals.

The new rules, which are supposed to encourage attacking play, are still causing confusion on the field for Thanet and this was on display in the club's final pre-season friendly at Westcliff at the weekend.

Both teams had a different understanding of the law of pulling down the maul to the referee,



CHANGES: Thanet Wanderers hope that a new coaching set-up will reap rewards

which made the game very much stop and start and caused frustration to the forwards.

The Wanderers start their campaign against Chobham at St Peter's Recreation Ground on Saturday.

It should be an entertaining season for Wanderers fans as Thanet are just one of eight teams from Kent to compete in London 2 South.

Fixtures against the likes of Dover, Maidstone and Gravesend are likely to be of interest.

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Gills boss Mark Stimson discusses his side's good start to the season

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